

required to submit a detailed written statement including:

(i) All grounds for withholding any of the information under any exemption of the FOIA, and

(ii) In the case of Exemption 4, the reason why the information is a trade secret, commercial, or financial information that is privileged or confidential.

(2) If a submitter fails to respond to the notice in paragraph (d) of the section within 30 days, the Board shall assume that the submitter has no objection to disclosure. The Board shall not consider information not received by the Board until after a disclosure decision has been made. Information provided by a submitter under this paragraph might itself be subject to disclosure under the FOIA.

(g) *Notice of intent to disclose.* The Board shall consider a submitter's objections and specific grounds for nondisclosure in deciding whether to disclose the business records. Whenever the Board decides to disclose business records over the objection of a submitter, it shall give the submitter written notice, that will include:

(1) A statement of the reason(s) the submitter's objections were not sustained;

(2) A description of the business records to be disclosed; and

(3) A specified disclosure date at a reasonable time subsequent to the notice.

(h) *Exceptions to notice requirements.* The notice requirements in paragraphs (d) and (g) of this section shall not apply if:

(1) The Board determines that the information should not be disclosed;

(2) The information has been published legally or has been officially made available to the public;

(3) Disclosure of the information is required by another statute or by a regulation issued in accordance with Executive Order 12600 (3 CFR, 1988 Comp., p. 235); or

(4) The objection made by the submitter under paragraph (f) of this section appears frivolous. In such a case, the Board shall promptly notify the submitter of its decision using the guidelines in paragraph (g) of this section.

(i) *Notice of FOIA lawsuit.* When a requestor files a lawsuit seeking to compel the disclosure of business information, the Board shall promptly notify the submitter.

(j) *Corresponding notice to requestors.* When the Board provides a submitter with either notice and an opportunity to object to disclosure under paragraph (d) of this section or with its intent to

disclose requested information under paragraph (g) of this section, the Board also shall notify the requestor(s). When a submitter files a lawsuit seeking to prevent the disclosure of business information, the Board shall notify the requestor(s).

#### § 1303.114 Appeals.

(a)(1) *Appeals of adverse determinations.* If you are dissatisfied with the Board's response to your request, you may appeal to the Board's Executive Director:

(i) By mail to: U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300, Arlington, VA 22201;

(ii) By e-mail to: [FOIA@nwtrb.gov](mailto:FOIA@nwtrb.gov); or

(iii) By fax to: 703-235-4495.

(2) The appeal must be in writing and must be received within 30 days of the date of the Board's response. The appeal letter, e-mail, or fax may include as much or as little related information as you wish, as long as it clearly identifies the Board determination that you are appealing, including the assigned request number, if known. For prompt handling, please mark your appeal "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

(b) *Responses to appeals.* Requestors shall be notified in writing of the decision on the appeal. A decision affirming an adverse determination shall include a statement of the reason(s) for the affirmation, including any FOIA exemption(s) applied, and shall include the FOIA provisions for court review of the decision. If the adverse determination is reversed or modified on appeal, the request shall be reprocessed in accordance with that appeal decision.

(c) *When appeal is required.* If a review by a court of any adverse determination is desired, the determination must first be appealed under this section.

(d) *Denial of appeal.* An adverse determination by the Executive Director shall be the final action of the Board.

(e) *Unacceptable appeals.* An appeal will not be acted on if the request becomes a matter of FOIA litigation.

#### § 1303.115 Preservation of records.

The Board shall preserve all correspondence pertaining to the requests that it receives under this subpart, as well as copies of all requested records, until disposition or destruction is authorized by title 44 of the United States Code or the National Archives and Records Administration's General Records Schedule 14. Records will not be disposed of while they are the subject of a pending request, appeal, or lawsuit.

#### § 1303.116 Other rights and services.

Nothing in this part shall be construed to entitle any person, as a right, to any service or to the disclosure of any record to which such person is entitled under the FOIA.

Dated: December 21, 2004.

**William D. Barnard,**

*Executive Director, U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2004-19955; Directorate Identifier 2004-NE-17-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Hartzell Propeller Inc. Propellers

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Hartzell Propeller Inc. propellers. This proposed AD would require inspecting the propeller blades and other critical propeller parts for corrosion and mechanical damage. This proposed AD results from two events where a "Z-shank" blade failed and separated and the results of teardown inspections that detected corrosion in the blade bore. We are proposing this AD to detect corrosion and mechanical damage that can cause failure of a propeller, which could result in loss of control of the airplane.

**DATES:** We must receive any comments on this proposed AD by February 28, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Use one of the following addresses to submit comments on this proposed AD.

- *DOT Docket Web site:* Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-001.

- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

• *Hand Delivery*: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

You can get the service information identified in this proposed AD from Hartzell Propeller Inc. Technical Publications Department, One Propeller Place, Piqua, OH 45356; telephone (937) 778-4200; fax (937) 778-4391.

You may examine the comments on this proposed AD in the AD docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tomaso DiPaolo, Aerospace Engineer, Chicago Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 2300 East Devon Avenue, Des Plaines, IL 60018-4696; telephone (847) 294-7031; fax (847) 294-7834.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Comments Invited**

We invite you to send us any written relevant data, views, or arguments regarding this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include "Docket No. FAA-2004-19955; Directorate Identifier 2004-NE-17-AD" in the subject line of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend the proposed AD in light of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov>, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed AD. Using the search function of the DMS Web site, anyone can find and read the comments in any of our dockets, including the name of the individual who sent the comment (or signed the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**Examining the AD Docket**

You may examine the docket that contains the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person at the DMS Docket Offices between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone (800) 647-5227) is located on the plaza level of the

Department of Transportation Nassif Building at the street address stated in **ADDRESSES**. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after the DMS receives them.

**Discussion**

On January 25, 2003, a Beech 95 airplane lost control after takeoff when a 2.5-foot section of a Hartzell HC-92ZK-2/8447 propeller blade separated. Examination of the fracture surfaces revealed the blade failed because of fatigue cracking. The cracking began at corrosion pits on the internal surface of the blade bore. On July 23, 2001, a Beech 95A airplane suffered severe engine damage after a Hartzell HC-92ZK-2B/8447 blade separated. Examination of the fracture surfaces revealed the blade failed from fatigue cracks that started in an area that had scratches and a gouge on the internal surface of the blade bore.

The "Z" shank design propellers are often installed on airplanes that do not have a mandatory periodic propeller maintenance program and as a result, some propellers have not been maintained as specified in the manufacturers instructions. Many of the propeller models have been in service for more than 40 years. If they are not serviced to a recent maintenance document, like that required by Hartzell Service Bulletin 136, revisions G, H, or I, those propellers are likely to contain corrosion or mechanical damage in the blade bore.

After the event on January 24, 2003, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued a recommendation to require repetitive inspections on all "Z" shank propellers at the time-between-overhaul interval recommended by Hartzell Propeller Inc. Because most "Z" shank propellers are installed on airplanes that do not have mandatory periodic maintenance, we are proposing a onetime inspection of "Z" shank propellers. We are also proposing a onetime inspection of "P," "R," and "W" shank propellers because of their similarities to the "Z" shank propellers. This condition, if not corrected, could result in failure and separation of a propeller blade, which could result in loss of control of the airplane. In addition, while the propeller is disassembled for the blade bore inspection, we are taking this significant opportunity to also inspect and remove corrosion and damaged areas in other critical propeller parts.

We are also proposing requirement to report the inspection findings. The affected propellers are aging and there is no regulatory requirement for any type of repetitive safety inspections. We have

been reviewing service difficulty information gathered over the past ten years and have received reports of "old" propellers (some over forty years of age), which have not had an overhaul, that are corroded, cracked, or beyond airworthy limits.

**Relevant Service Information**

We have reviewed and approved the technical contents of Hartzell Propeller Inc. Service Bulletin (SB) 136, Revision G, dated November 15, 1991; Revision H, dated March 12, 1993; and Revision I, dated April 25, 2003. Those SBs describe procedures for disassembling, cleaning, inspecting, and reworking the propeller blades. We have also reviewed the applicable Hartzell overhaul manuals that we reference for the various additional inspections.

**FAA's Determination and Requirements of the Proposed AD**

We have evaluated all pertinent information and identified an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on other products of this same type design. We are proposing this AD, which would require a onetime inspection of the bore of the propeller blade and other critical propeller parts, and if necessary, removing any corrosion or mechanical damage:

- Within 12 months after the effective date of the proposed AD, if the propeller was not overhauled within the past 25 years.
- Within 18 months after the effective date of the proposed AD, if the propeller was not overhauled within the past 20 years.
- Within 24 months after the effective date of the proposed AD, if the propeller was not overhauled within the past 15 years.
- Within 36 months after the effective date of the proposed AD, if the propeller was not overhauled within the past 10 years.

The proposed AD would require you to use the service information described previously to perform these actions.

**Costs of Compliance**

There are about 1,700 Hartzell propeller assemblies of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. We estimate that 1,200 propeller assemblies installed on airplanes of U.S. registry would be affected by this proposed AD. We also estimate that it would take about 20 work hours per propeller assembly to perform the proposed actions, and that the average labor rate is \$65 per work hour. Required parts would cost about \$450 per propeller assembly. Based on these figures, we

estimate the total cost of the proposed AD to U.S. operators to be \$2,100,000.

**Authority for This Rulemaking**

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA's authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency's authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in subtitle VII, part A, subpart III, section 44701, "General requirements." Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

**Regulatory Findings**

We have determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD 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.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that the 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. Would not have a significant economic impact, positive or negative, on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

We prepared a summary of the costs to comply with this proposal and placed it in the AD Docket. You may get a copy of this summary at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**.

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

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

**The Proposed Amendment**

Under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

**Hartzell Propeller, Inc.:** Docket No. FAA-2004-19955; Directorate Identifier 2004-NE-17-AD.

**Comments Due Date**

(a) The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) action by February 28, 2005.

**Affected ADs**

- (b) None.
- Applicability:* (c) This AD applies to Hartzell propeller assemblies with hub model part number (P/N) series specified in Table 1 of this AD. These propellers are installed on, but not limited to, the aircraft listed in Table 2 of this AD.

**TABLE 1.—LIST OF APPLICABLE PROPELLER ASSEMBLIES BY HUB MODEL P/N SERIES**

- HC-92W Series.
- BHC-92W Series.
- HC-92Z Series.
- BHC-92Z Series.
- HC-B3P Series.
- HC-B3R Series.
- HC-B3W Series.
- BHC-B3W Series.
- HA-B3Z Series.
- HC-B3Z Series.

**TABLE 2.—LIST OF AIRPLANES THAT MIGHT USE AN AFFECTED PROPELLER ASSEMBLY**

Aircraft manufacturer	Aircraft model
AERMACCHI (AERONAUTICA MACCHI)	AM-3C
AERO COMMANDER	560-F680, 680E, 680F, 680FL, 680FLP, 720
AEROSPATIALE (MORANE SAULNIER)	733
AEROSTAR AIRCRAFT CORP.	360
AEROTEK II, INC. (CALLAIR)	B1A (CALLAIR)
AIR & SPACE	18, 18A
BEECH	18 Series C45 35 Series A65, 65, 65-80, 65-A80, 65-B80, 65-88 95, B95, B95A, D95A, E95 70 C18S [(C-45(A, F), UC-45(B, F), AT-7 (A, B, C), JRB-(1, 2, 3, 4), SNB-2(C))] C18S, AT-11 C-45G, C-45H; TC-45G, H, J; RC-45J D18S, E18S, G18S, H18; 3N, 3NM, 3TM E50, F50, G50, H50, J50
BUSHMASTER AIRCRAFT CORP.	BUSHMASTER 2000
CESSNA	172 175, 175A 190, 195, A, B 421, 421A A185E, A185F (SEAPLANES ONLY)
CESSNA	T50
DE HAVILLAND CANADA	DHC-2 MKI
DORNIER	DO28D, DO28D-1
FOUND BROTHERS	100
FOUND BROTHERS	FBA-2C
GOODYEAR (LOCKHEED MARTIN)	GZ20, GZ20A
GRUMMAN (GULFSTREAM AERO.)	G44, G44A
GRUMMAN (MCKINNON)	G21A

TABLE 2.—LIST OF AIRPLANES THAT MIGHT USE AN AFFECTED PROPELLER ASSEMBLY—Continued

Aircraft manufacturer	Aircraft model
HELIO .....	H-250 H-295, HT-295 (U-10D) H-395 (L-28A, U-10B) H-500
ICA (ROMANIA) .....	IAR-831
JOBMASTER .....	DGA-15P
KWAD .....	SUPER-V
LAKE (REVO) .....	LA-4
LOCKHEED .....	12A
MESSERSCHMITT .....	207
MOONEY .....	M20A
NAVY .....	N3N-3
NORD .....	3400, 3402
PACIFIC AEROSPACE (FLETCHER) .....	FU-24, FU-24A
PIAGGIO .....	P-166B, C
PILATUS .....	PC-6/350; PC-6/350-H1, -H2
PIPER .....	PA-23 PA-24 PA-25
PROCAER .....	F15/B
REVO (COLONIAL) .....	C-2
SAAB .....	91D SAFIR
SCHWEIZER (GRUMMAN) .....	G-164
SIMMERING GRAZ PAUKER A.G. ....	SGP222
SPARTON .....	7W
UTVA .....	66
WDL AVIATION (formerly WDL FLUGDIENST) .....	An Airship
WEATHERLY .....	201B, 201C, 620, 620A, 620C

**Unsafe Condition**

(d) This AD results from two events where a “Z-shank” blade failed and separated and the results of teardown inspections that detected corrosion in the blade bore. We are issuing this AD to detect corrosion and mechanical damage that can cause failure of a propeller, which could result in loss of control of the airplane.

*Compliance:* (e) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified unless the actions have already been done.

**Aircraft With Experimental Type Certificates**

(f) We recommend that you comply with the inspection requirements of this AD, if

you have an aircraft with an experimental type certificate, and you have a propeller hub model listed in this AD installed on that aircraft.

**Inspection of the Propeller**

(g) If the time-since-overhaul (TSO) of the propeller is 10 years or fewer on the effective date of this AD, no further action is required.

(h) If the propeller assembly was inspected using Hartzell Service Bulletin (SB) No. 136, Revision I, dated April 25, 2003; Revision H, dated March 12, 1993; or Revision G, dated November 15, 1991; no further action is required.

(i) If the TSO of the propeller assembly is more than 10 years on the effective date of this AD, or if the TSO is unknown, or if the

propeller has not complied with Hartzell SBs HC-SB-61-136, Revision I, dated April 25, 2003; or Service Bulletin 136, Revision H, dated March 12, 1993; or Revision G, dated November 15, 1991; perform the actions specified in Table 3 of this AD. Use the compliance times specified in Table 3 of this AD. Information on inspecting the propeller assembly for cracks, corrosion or pits, nicks, scratches, wear, blade minimum dimensions, and damage in the blade balance bore can be found in the applicable Hartzell overhaul manual.

TABLE 3.—COMPLIANCE TIMES FOR ONETIME INSPECTION

If the TSO of the propeller assembly on the effective date of this AD is . . .	Then . . .	Perform the inspection . . .
(1) More than 25 years or the TSO is not known.	(a) Disassemble and clean the propeller assembly. (b) Inspect for cracks, corrosion or pits, nicks, scratches, wear, blade minimum dimensions, and damage in the blade balance hole. (c) Inspect and rework the propeller blade bore. Use 3.A. of the Accomplishment instructions of Hartzell SB No. 136, Revision I, dated April 26, 2003. (d) Repair and replace with serviceable parts, as necessary. (e) Reassemble and test.	Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD.

TABLE 3.—COMPLIANCE TIMES FOR ONETIME INSPECTION—Continued

If the TSO of the propeller assembly on the effective date of this AD is . . .	Then . . .	Perform the inspection . . .
(2) Twenty-one to 25 years .....	(a) Disassemble and clean the propeller assembly. (b) Inspect for cracks, corrosion or pits, nicks, scratches, wear, blade minimum dimensions, and damage in the blade balance hole. (c) Inspect and rework the propeller blade bore. Use 3.A. of the Accomplishment instructions of Hartzell SB No. 136, Revision I, dated April 26, 2003. (d) Repair and replace with serviceable parts, as necessary. (e) Reassemble and test.	Within 18 months after the effective date of this AD.
(3) Sixteen to 20 years .....	(a) Disassemble and clean the propeller assembly. (b) Inspect for cracks, corrosion or pits, nicks, scratches, wear, blade minimum dimensions, and damage in the blade balance hole. (c) Inspect and rework the propeller blade bore. Use 3.A. of the Accomplishment instructions of Hartzell SB No. 136, Revision I, dated April 26, 2003. (d) Repair and replace with serviceable parts, as necessary. (e) Reassemble and test.	Within 24 months after the effective date of this AD.
(4) Eleven to 15 years .....	(a) Disassemble and clean the propeller assembly. (b) Inspect for the following conditions: cracks, corrosion or pits, nicks, scratches, wear, blade minimum dimensions, and damage in the blade balance hole. (c) Inspect and rework the propeller blade bore. Use 3.A. of the Accomplishment instructions of Hartzell SB No. 136, Revision I, dated April 26, 2003. (d) Repair and replace with serviceable parts, as necessary. (e) Reassemble and test.	Within 36 months after the effective date of this AD.

**Propeller Overhaul**

(j) Performing an overhaul of the propeller assembly after the effective date of this AD constitutes compliance with the requirements specified in this AD. The latest applicable Overhaul Manual issued by Hartzell Propeller Inc. contains information on overhauling a propeller assembly.

(k) The TSO only changes if you overhaul the propeller assembly while performing the requirements specified in this AD.

**Reporting Requirements**

(l) Report inspection results to the Manager, Chicago Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 2300 East Devon Ave., Des Plaines, IL 60018, within 15 working days of the inspection. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the reporting requirements assigned OMB control number 2120-0056.

**Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)**

(m) The Manager, Chicago Aircraft Certification Office has the authority to approve alternative methods of compliance for this AD if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

**Related Information**

(n) None.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on December 21, 2004.

**Francis A. Favara,**

*Acting Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement**

**30 CFR Part 936**

[OK-031-FOR]

**Oklahoma Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan**

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; public comment period and opportunity for public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), are announcing receipt of a proposed amendment to the Oklahoma abandoned mine land reclamation plan (Oklahoma plan) under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA or the Act). Oklahoma is proposing revisions to its plan concerning project ranking and selection procedures, the State Reclamation Committee, and the public participation policies. Oklahoma intends to improve operational efficiency.

This document gives the times and locations that the Oklahoma plan and the amendment to that plan are available for your inspection, the comment period during which you may submit written comments on the amendment, and the procedures that