

**Comments Due Date**

(a) We must receive comments by May 24, 2007.

**Affected ADs**

(b) None.

**Applicability**

(c) This AD applies to DA 42 airplanes, serial numbers (S/N) 42.004 and up, certificated in any category.

**Subject**

(d) Air Transport Association of America (ATA) Code 57: Wings.

**Reason**

(e) The mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) states:

It has been determined that the surface roughness of the wing stub safety walks Series 300, gray color (equals sandpaper grid 40), installed during production on some aeroplane S/Ns, adversely affects the aircraft single engine climb performance.

**Actions and Compliance**

(f) Unless already done, do the following actions:

(1) *For S/N 42.004 through 42.035, and 42.037:* Within 60 days after the effective date of this AD, do the following actions following Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Mandatory Service Bulletin No. MSB-42-006/1, dated September 20, 2005:

(i) Exchange the wing stub safety walks following paragraph 1.8, Action 2 a) to b) of Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Mandatory Service Bulletin No. MSB-42-006/1, dated September 20, 2005.

(ii) Insert Diamond Aircraft Airplane Flight Manual Temporary Revision Performance Data DA 42 AFM TR-MÄM-42-111/a, dated September 20, 2005, Revision 3 to the Airplane Flight Manual (AFM), or any future revision that incorporates the same information into the Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Aircraft Airplane Flight Manual DA 42, Doc. 7.01.05-E.

(2) *For S/N 42.036, 42.038 through 42.064, 42.107, 42.109, 42.110, and 42.177:* Within 60 days after the effective date of this AD, insert Diamond Aircraft Airplane Flight Manual Temporary Revision Performance Data DA 42 AFM TR-MÄM-42-111/a, dated September 20, 2005, Revision 3 to the AFM, or any future revision that incorporates the same information into the Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Aircraft Airplane Flight Manual DA 42, Doc. 7.01.05-E.

(3) *For S/N 42.004 and up:* Within 60 days after the effective date of this AD, adhere to the following:

(i) No wing stub safety walks Series 300 (equals sandpaper grid 40), gray color, part number (P/N) D60-1127-10-51 (no revision letter attached) may be installed as a spare part on the Model DA 42 airplane. Only Diamond Aircraft Industries (DAI) GmbH released safety walk P/Ns with a surface roughness equal to or finer than sandpaper grid 100 are approved for installation as spare parts.

(ii) Diamond Aircraft Airplane Flight Manual Temporary Revision Performance Data DA 42 AFM TR-MÄM-42-111/a, dated

September 20, 2005, Revision 3 to the AFM, or any future revision that incorporates the same information, must remain part of Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Aircraft Airplane Flight Manual DA 42, Doc. 7.01.05-E.

**FAA AD Differences**

**Note:** This AD differs from the MCAI and/or service information as follows:

(1) The MCAI and service bulletin require the insertion of Diamond Aircraft Airplane Flight Manual Temporary Revision Performance Data DA 42 AFM TR-MÄM-42-111/a, dated September 20, 2005, Revision 3 to the Airplane Flight Manual, or any future revision that incorporates the same information into the Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Aircraft Airplane Flight Manual DA 42, Doc. 7.01.05-E, immediately upon receipt. We consider immediately upon receipt as an urgent safety of flight compliance time, and we do not consider this unsafe condition to be an urgent safety of flight condition. Because we do not consider this unsafe condition to be an urgent safety of flight condition, we issued this action through the normal notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) AD process. The time of 60 days after the effective date of this AD is an adequate compliance for this AD action and met the FAA requirements of an NPRM followed by a final rule.

(2) Paragraphs A)i) and B)i) of the MCAI, state to assure that AFM TR-MÄM-42-103, distributed with DAI MSB42-005, is inserted into AFM Doc. 7.01.05-E, rev. 2 or earlier revision. This AFM requirement was for an MCAI that the United States did not take AD action on. The action is no longer necessary when the actions proposed in this NPRM are done. Therefore, the action is not being mandated in the U.S. AD action.

(3) The MCAI references revision 2 of the AFM. However, the current revision level of the AFM is revision 3. The FAA AD references revision 3.

**Other FAA AD Provisions**

(g) The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, Standards Staff, FAA, ATTN: Sarjapur Nagarajan, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4145; fax: (816) 329-4090, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. Before using any approved AMOC on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify your appropriate principal inspector (PI) in the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), or lacking a PI, your local FSDO.

(2) *Airworthy Product:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer or other source, use these actions if they are FAA-approved. Corrective actions are considered FAA-approved if they are approved by the State of Design Authority (or their delegated agent). You are required to assure the product is airworthy before it is returned to service.

(3) *Reporting Requirements:* For any reporting requirement in this AD, under the

provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements and has assigned OMB Control Number 2120-0056.

**Related Information**

(h) Refer to MCAI Austrian Civil Aviation Administration Austro Control GmbH AD No. A-2005-003, dated October 21, 2005; Diamond Aircraft Industries GmbH Mandatory Service Bulletin No. MSB-42-006/1, dated September 20, 2005; and Diamond Aircraft Temporary Revision Performance Data DA 42 AFM TR-MÄM-42-111/a, dated September 20, 2005, for related information.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 17, 2007.

**Charles L. Smalley,**

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

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

**[Docket No. FAA-2007-27723; Directorate Identifier 2007-CE-029-AD]**

**RIN 2120-AA64**

**Airworthiness Directives; PIAGGIO AERO INDUSTRIES S.p.A. Model P-180 Airplanes**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for the products listed above. This proposed AD results from mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) originated by an aviation authority of another country to identify and correct an unsafe condition on an aviation product. The MCAI describes the unsafe condition as:

EASA EAD 2006-0072-E was issued on 31st March 2006 following a further failure of the forward support of the Main Wing Outboard Flap (MWOFF), caused by corrosion. This condition, if not corrected, may cause surface twisting during deployment at landing. The analysis of that event highlighted the need for the reduction of the previous inspection interval which was mandated by ENAC through AD 2004-523, approved by EASA with reference 2004-12521.

The proposed AD would require actions that are intended to address the unsafe condition described in the MCAI.

**DATES:** We must receive comments on this proposed AD by May 24, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments by any of the following methods:

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

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

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *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.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

#### Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>; or in person at the Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Office (telephone (800) 647-5227) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Sarjapur Nagarajan, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4145; fax: (816) 329-4090.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Streamlined Issuance of AD

The FAA is implementing a new process for streamlining the issuance of ADs related to MCAI. This streamlined process will allow us to adopt MCAI safety requirements in a more efficient manner and will reduce safety risks to the public. This process continues to follow all FAA AD issuance processes to meet legal, economic, Administrative Procedure Act, and **Federal Register** requirements. We also continue to meet our technical decision-making responsibilities to identify and correct unsafe conditions on U.S.-certificated products.

This proposed AD references the MCAI and related service information that we considered in forming the engineering basis to correct the unsafe condition. The proposed AD contains text copied from the MCAI and for this reason might not follow our plain language principles.

#### Comments Invited

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include "Docket No. FAA-2007-27723; Directorate Identifier 2007-CE-029-AD" at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposed AD because 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 we receive about this proposed AD.

#### Discussion

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Community, has issued AD No. 2006-0305, dated October 9, 2006 (referred to after this as "the MCAI"), to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states:

EASA EAD 2006-0072-E was issued on 31st March 2006 following a further failure of the forward support of the Main Wing Outboard Flap (MWOFF), caused by corrosion. This condition, if not corrected, may cause surface twisting during deployment at landing. The analysis of that event highlighted the need for the reduction of the previous inspection interval which was mandated by ENAC through AD 2004-523, approved by EASA with reference 2004-12521.

Now the TC holder has developed a new type of forward support for the Main Wing Outboard Flap with characteristics that improve the resistance to corrosion. When the new support is installed, the repetitive Eddy current inspection that was introduced by EASA EAD 2006-0072-E is no longer required.

You may obtain further information by examining the MCAI in the AD docket.

#### Relevant Service Information

Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. has issued Mandatory Service Bulletin No. 80-0210, Rev. 4, dated July 19, 2006. The actions described in this service information are intended to correct the unsafe condition identified in the MCAI.

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

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another

country, and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, they have notified us of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all information and determined the unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

#### Differences Between This Proposed AD and the MCAI or Service Information

We have reviewed the MCAI and related service information and, in general, agree with their substance. But we might have found it necessary to use different words from those in the MCAI to ensure the AD is clear for U.S. operators and is enforceable. In making these changes, we do not intend to differ substantively from the information provided in the MCAI and related service information.

We might also have proposed different actions in this AD from those in the MCAI in order to follow FAA policies. Any such differences are highlighted in a Note within the proposed AD.

#### Costs of Compliance

Based on the service information, we estimate that this proposed AD would affect about 7 products of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it would take about 16 work-hours per product to comply with the basic requirements of this proposed AD. The average labor rate is \$80 per work-hour.

Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of the proposed AD on U.S. operators to be \$8,960, or \$1,280 per product.

#### 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 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 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. 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.

We prepared a regulatory evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this proposed AD and placed it in the AD docket.

### 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 FAA 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 AD:

**Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A.:** Docket No. FAA-2007-27723; Directorate Identifier 2007-CE-029-AD.

#### Comments Due Date

(a) We must receive comments by May 24, 2007.

#### Affected ADs

(b) None.

#### Applicability

(c) This AD applies to Model P-180 airplanes, serial numbers 1002, 1004 through 1107, 1109, and 1110, certificated in any category.

#### Subject

(d) Air Transport Association of America (ATA) Code 57: Wings.

### Reason

(e) The mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) states: EASA EAD 2006-0072-E was issued on 31st March 2006 following a further failure of the forward support of the Main Wing Outboard Flap (MWOFF), caused by corrosion. This condition, if not corrected, may cause surface twisting during deployment at landing. The analysis of that event highlighted the need for the reduction of the previous inspection interval which was mandated by ENAC through AD 2004-523, approved by EASA with reference 2004-12521.

Now the TC holder has developed a new type of forward support for the Main Wing Outboard Flap with characteristics that improve the resistance to corrosion. When the new support is installed, the repetitive Eddy current inspection that was introduced by EASA EAD 2006-0072-E is no longer required.

### Actions and Compliance

(f) Unless already done, do the following actions:

(1) Within the next 200 hours time-in-service (TIS) or 60 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first, replace the outboard flap track forward bushing and the outboard flap track forward support. Do the replacements using the Accomplishment Instructions detailed in Part A of Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. Mandatory Service Bulletin (SB) No. 80-0210, Rev 4, dated July 19, 2006.

(2) At intervals not to exceed 1,500 hours TIS after doing the replacements required in paragraph (f)(1) of this AD, visually inspect the outboard flap track forward support for traces of any kind of corrosion and/or protective coat/finishing wear damage. Do the inspections using the Accomplishment Instructions detailed in Part B of Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. Mandatory SB No. 80-0210, Rev 4, dated July 19, 2006.

(3) Before further flight after each inspection required in paragraph (f)(2) of this AD in which any kind of corrosion or wear damage is found, contact the manufacturer for a repair scheme and incorporate the repair.

### FAA AD Differences

**Note:** This AD differs from the MCAI and/or service information as follows: No differences.

### Other FAA AD Provisions

(g) The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, Standards Staff, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, ATTN: Sarjapur Nagarajan, Aerospace Engineer, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4145; fax: (816) 329-4090, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. Before using any approved AMOC on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify your appropriate principal inspector (PI) in the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), or lacking a PI, your local FSDO.

(2) *Airworthy Product:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer or other source, use these actions if they are FAA-approved. Corrective actions are considered FAA-approved if they are approved by the State of Design Authority (or their delegated agent). You are required to assure the product is airworthy before it is returned to service.

(3) *Reporting Requirements:* For any reporting requirement in this AD, under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements and has assigned OMB Control Number 2120-0056.

### Related Information

(h) Refer to MCAI European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD No. 2006-0305, dated October 9, 2006; and Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. Mandatory Service Bulletin No. 80-0210, Rev 4, dated July 19, 2006, for related information.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 17, 2007.

**Charles L. Smalley,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2007-27432; Directorate Identifier 2007-CE-017-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

### Airworthiness Directives; SOCATA—Groupe AEROSPATIALE Model TB 9, TB 10, and TB 200 Airplanes

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for the products listed above. This proposed AD results from mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) originated by an aviation authority of another country to identify and correct an unsafe condition on an aviation product. The MCAI describes the unsafe condition as:

\* \* \* a new life limit for engine and Nose Landing Gear (NLG) mounts installed on EADS SOCATA TB 9, TB 10 and TB 200 airplanes, as defined in the updated Airworthiness Limitations Section (ALS) of the relevant Aircraft Maintenance Manuals (AMM).