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#### FAA AD Differences

**Note 2:** This AD differs from the MCAI and/or service information as follows:

(1) *Compliance Time:* For certain airplanes, the compliance time required by the MCAI or service information for performing the HFEC inspections is before further flight; however, to avoid inadvertently grounding airplanes, this AD requires performing those inspections within 14 days after the effective date of this AD.

(2) *Repair:* Although the MCAI or service information does not include a repair procedure for cracking, this AD requires the repair of any cracking per the FAA or EASA (or its delegated agent).

#### Other FAA AD Provisions

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

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. Send information to ATTN: Shahram Daneshmandi, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 227-1112; fax (425) 227-1149. 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, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements and has assigned OMB Control Number 2120-0056.

#### Related Information

(i) Refer to MCAI EASA Emergency Airworthiness Directive 2007-0108-E, dated April 18, 2007, and EADS-CASA All Operator Letter 212-018, Revision 2, dated March 20, 2007, for related information.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference

(j) You must use EADS-CASA All Operator Letter 212-018, Revision 1, dated December 1, 2006; and EADS-CASA All Operator Letter 212-018, Revision 2, dated March 20, 2007;

as applicable; to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of EADS-CASA All Operator Letter 212-018, Revision 2, dated March 20, 2007, under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) The Director of the Federal Register previously approved the incorporation by reference of EADS-CASA All Operator Letter 212-018, Revision 1, dated December 1, 2006, on March 14, 2007 (72 FR 8610, February 27, 2007).

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A., Getafe, Madrid, Spain.

(4) You may review copies at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call (202) 741-6030, or go to: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on March 4, 2008.

#### Ali Bahrami,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2007-0270; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-211-AD; Amendment 39-15426; AD 2008-06-14]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 757-200, -200PF, and -200CB Series Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Boeing Model 757-200, -200PF, and -200CB series airplanes. This AD requires doing an ultrasound inspection for disbonded tear straps not mechanically fastened to the skin, and related investigative and corrective actions, if necessary. This AD results from reports indicating that bonded skin panels may not have been correctly anodized in phosphoric acid before the tear strap doubler was bonded to the skin. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct a weak bond between the skin and tear strap. Such disbonding could reduce the ability of the skin to resist cracks and could adversely affect the structural integrity of the airplane.

**DATES:** This AD is effective April 17, 2008.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of April 17, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207.

#### Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.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 AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The address for the Docket Office (telephone 800-647-5527) is the Document Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jason Deutschman, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 917-6449; fax (425) 917-6590.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Discussion

We issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an airworthiness directive (AD) that would apply to certain Boeing Model 757-200, -200PF, and -200CB series airplanes. That NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on December 17, 2007 (72 FR 71277). That NPRM proposed to require an ultrasound inspection for disbonded tear straps not mechanically fastened to the skin, and related investigative and corrective actions, if necessary.

##### Comments

We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this AD. We considered the two comments received. Boeing and Continental Airlines support the NPRM.

##### Conclusion

We reviewed the relevant data, considered the comments received, and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting the AD as proposed.

##### Costs of Compliance

There are 744 airplanes of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. This AD

affects 487 airplanes of U.S. registry. The required actions take about 16 work hours per airplane, at an average labor rate of \$80 per work hour. Based on these figures, the estimated cost of the AD for U.S. operators is \$623,360, or \$1,280 per airplane.

#### 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

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD 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.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (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) 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.

You can find our regulatory evaluation and the estimated costs of compliance in the AD 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 FAA amends 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:

**2008-06-14 Boeing:** Amendment 39-15426. Docket No. FAA-2007-0270; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-211-AD.

#### Effective Date

(a) This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective April 17, 2008.

#### Affected ADs

(b) None.

#### Applicability

(c) This AD applies to Boeing Model 757-200, -200PF, and -200CB series airplanes, certificated in any category; as identified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 757-53-0077, Revision 1, dated August 6, 2007.

#### Unsafe Condition

(d) This AD results from reports indicating that bonded skin panels may not have been correctly anodized in phosphoric acid before the tear strap doubler was bonded to the skin. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct a weak bond between the skin and tear strap. Such disbonding could reduce the ability of the skin to resist cracks and could adversely affect the structural integrity 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.

#### Initial Inspection

(f) At the applicable initial compliance time in paragraph (f)(1) or (f)(2) of this AD, do an external ultrasound inspection for disbonded tear straps not mechanically fastened to the skin between stations 439 to 900, and 1180 to 1621, and between stringers 10 left and 10 right, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 757-53-0077, Revision 1, dated August 6, 2007.

(1) For airplanes with less than or equal to 21,000 total flight cycles: Before the accumulation of 24,000 total flight cycles, but no earlier than 18,000 total flight cycles.

(2) For airplanes with more than 21,000 total flight cycles: Within 3,000 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD.

#### Repetitive Inspection

(g) If no disbonding is found during the ultrasound inspection required by paragraph (f) of this AD, repeat the inspection once before 36,000 total flight cycles, but no earlier than 30,000 total flight cycles.

#### Related Investigative and Corrective Actions

(h) If any disbonding is found during the ultrasound inspection required by paragraph (f) or (g) of this AD, do the applicable related

investigative and corrective actions by accomplishing all the actions specified in the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 757-53-0077, Revision 1, dated August 6, 2007, at the applicable compliance time specified in paragraph 1.E., "Compliance," of the service bulletin; except as provided by paragraph (i) of this AD.

(i) If any crack and/or corrosion is found during any inspection required by this AD, and Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 757-53-0077, Revision 1, dated August 6, 2007, specifies to contact Boeing for appropriate action: Before further flight, repair the crack and/or corrosion using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (j) of this AD.

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(j)(1) The Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested in accordance with the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

(2) To request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD, follow the procedures 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.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair required by this AD, if it is approved by an Authorized Representative for the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Delegation Option Authorization Organization who has been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO, to make those findings. For a repair method to be approved, the repair must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference

(k) You must use Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 757-53-0077, Revision 1, dated August 6, 2007, to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of this service information under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207.

(3) You may review copies of the service information incorporated by reference at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to: [http://www.archives.gov/federal\\_register/code\\_of\\_federal\\_regulations/ibr\\_locations.html](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/code_of_federal_regulations/ibr_locations.html).

Issued in Renton, Washington, on March 3, 2008.

Ali Bahrami,

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate,  
Aircraft Certification Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2008-0291; Directorate Identifier 2008-CE-019-AD; Amendment 39-15429; AD 2008-06-17]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; PILATUS AIRCRAFT LTD. Models PC-12, PC-12/45, and PC-12/47 Airplanes

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

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

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

Some operators have reported occurrences where the rear stick-pusher cable clamp shifted forward on the elevator cable. This condition, if not corrected, may reduce the effectiveness of the stick-pusher and/or limit elevator control movement.

This AD requires actions that are intended to address the unsafe condition described in the MCAI.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective April 2, 2008.

On April 2, 2008, the Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD.

We must receive comments on this AD by April 14, 2008.

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

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

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

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-

30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

#### Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.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 AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Office (telephone (800) 647-5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doug Rudolph, Aerospace Engineer, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; *telephone:* (816) 329-4059; *fax:* (816) 329-4090.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Discussion

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Community, has issued EASA AD No: 2008-0047, dated February 28, 2008 (referred to after this as "the MCAI"), to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states:

Some operators have reported occurrences where the rear stick-pusher cable clamp shifted forward on the elevator cable. This condition, if not corrected, may reduce the effectiveness of the stick-pusher and/or limit elevator control movement.

For the reason described above, this Airworthiness Directive (AD) requires the inspection of the stick-pusher servo-cables for correct installation, position and tension and replacement of the discrepant parts.

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

#### Relevant Service Information

PILATUS AIRCRAFT LTD. (Pilatus) has issued PC-12 Service Bulletin No. 27-018, dated November 27, 2007. 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 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 issuing this AD because we evaluated all information provided by the State of Design Authority and determined the unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

#### Differences Between This 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 have also required different actions in this AD from those in the MCAI in order to follow FAA policies. Any such differences are described in a separate paragraph of the AD. These requirements take precedence over those copied from the MCAI.

#### FAA's Determination of the Effective Date

An unsafe condition exists that requires the immediate adoption of this AD. The FAA has found that the risk to the flying public justifies waiving notice and comment prior to adoption of this rule because Pilatus has confirmed four occurrences of the rear stick-pusher cable shifting forward on the elevator cable. Although all malfunction cases occurred on the ground, it cannot be excluded that flight may be attempted with a slack stick-pusher cable. If this condition happens, it could result in reduced effectiveness of the stick pusher and/or limit elevator control, affecting notification of the pilot of upcoming stall and controllability of the airplane. Therefore, we determined that notice and opportunity for public comment before issuing this AD are impracticable and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective in fewer than 30 days.

#### Comments Invited

This AD is a final rule that involves requirements affecting flight safety, and we did not precede it by notice and opportunity for public comment. We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include "Docket No. FAA-2008-0291; Directorate Identifier 2008-CE-019-AD" at the beginning of your comments.