Accomplishment Instructions paragraph 3.B. or paragraph 3.C. of RR MSB RB.211–72–7775, Revision 3, dated April 9, 1999, and the following compliance schedules:

(1) For cases with 1,500 or fewer cycles-since-new (CSN) on the effective date of this AD, inspect before accumulating 1,500 CSN.

(2) For cases with more than 1,500 CSN on the effective date of this AD, inspect within 50 cycles-in-service (CIS) after the effective date of this AD.

(3) If you detect any cracks of 1.5 inches or more in length, replace the case before further flight.

Repetitive Inspections

(g) Thereafter, inspect cases at the following intervals. Use the Accomplishment Instructions paragraph 3.B. or paragraph 3.C. of RR MSB RB.211–72–7775, Revision 3, dated April 9, 1999.

(1) Inspect within 500 cycles-since-last inspection (CSLI) if you detected no cracks during the last inspection.

(2) Inspect within 100 CSLI if you detected cracks less than or equal to 0.5 inch in length during the last inspection.

(3) Inspect within 50 CSLI if you detected cracks greater than 0.5 inch but less than 1.5 inches in length.

Credit for Previous Inspections

(h) Cases inspected before the effective date of this AD using RB.211–72–7775, Revision 2, dated February 27, 1996, or earlier issue, meet the requirements of this AD for the initial or repetitive inspections specified in paragraphs (f) through (f)(3) and (g) through (g)(3) of this AD.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(i) The Manager, Engine Certification Office, FAA, 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

(j) Civil Aviation Authority airworthiness directive 008–07–85, dated June 19, 1985, also addresses the subject of this AD.

(k) Contact Ian Dargin, Aerospace Engineer, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803; e-mail: ian.dargin@faa.gov; telephone (781) 238–7178; fax (781) 238–7199, for more information about this AD.

Material Incorporated by Reference

(I) You must use Rolls-Royce plc Mandatory Service Bulletin RB.211–72–7775, Revision 3, dated April 9, 1999 to perform the inspections required by this AD. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of this service bulletin in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Contact Rolls-Royce plc, P.O. Box 31, Derby, DE24 4B, United Kingdom; telephone: 44 (0) 1332–242424; fax: 44 (0) 1332–249036, for a copy of this service information. You may review copies at the FAA, New England Region, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; 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 Burlington, Massachusetts, on September 22, 2009.

Peter A. White,
Assistant Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737–300 and 737–400 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Boeing Model 737–300 and 737–400 series airplanes. This AD requires repetitive inspections to detect cracking of the aft fuselage skin, and related investigative/corrective actions if necessary. This AD results from reports of cracks in the aft fuselage skin on both sides of the airplane. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct cracking in the aft fuselage skin along the longitudinal edges of the bonded skin doubler, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

DATES: This AD is effective November 17, 2009.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the AD as of November 17, 2009.

ADDRESSES: For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Data & Services Management, P.O. Box 3707, MC 2H–65, Seattle, Washington 98124–2207; telephone 206–544–5000, extension 1; fax 206–766–5680; e-mail me.boecom@boeing.com; Internet https://www.myboeingfleet.com.

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:

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 737–300 and 737–400 series airplanes. That NPRM was published in the Federal Register on May 7, 2009 (74 FR 21278). That NPRM proposed to require repetitive inspections to detect cracking of the aft fuselage skin, and related investigative/corrective actions if necessary.

Comments

We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this AD. We considered the comments received from the three commenters.

Support for the AD

Boeing concurs with the content of the NPRM.

Request To Allow Use of Previous Service Information

Southwest Airlines requests that skin panel replacements accomplished in accordance with Part 3 of Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 1, dated August 17, 1995, and Revision 2, dated November 27, 1996; also be considered as terminating the inspections specified in paragraph (g) of the NPRM. (We referred to Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 3, dated November 28, 2006, as the appropriate source of service information for accomplishing the actions specified in paragraph (g) of the NPRM for Model 737–300 series airplanes.)

We agree. We have reviewed the following service bulletins and have determined that these documents are also acceptable for terminating the inspections specified in paragraph (g) of this AD. Therefore, we have revised paragraph (j) of this AD to include these additional documents. Also, for easier
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Request To Publish Effectivity and Compliance Information

The Aviation Group requests that paragraphs 1.E., “Compliance,” and 1.A., “Effectivity,” of Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 3, dated November 28, 2006; and Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1187, Revision 2, dated May 9, 2007; be added to the NPRM, either within the body of the AD or as an incorporated attachment. The commenter asserts that many owners, lessors, or their respective representatives, are routinely denied access to the manufacturer’s Web site where the referenced service information is archived, making it very difficult or impossible to evaluate and schedule compliance with this AD.

We do not agree to add the compliance and effectiveness sections of Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 3, dated November 28, 2006; and Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1187, Revision 2, dated May 9, 2007; to this AD. Due to the length and complexity of the applicability and compliance times required in this AD, we referred directly to the service information to ensure the accuracy of those sections in this AD. We also gave notice for the compliance times in the “Relevant Service Information” section of the NPRM. Operators should note that type certificate holders are required under the Federal Aviation Regulations to make available the service information necessary for accomplishing AD requirements to affected operators. All service information that we incorporate by reference in our AD is available to those who operate the product that is the subject of the AD. The necessary service information has also been incorporated by reference in this AD; therefore, this information is also available for review at the FAA or the Office of the Federal Register, as specified in the ADDRESSES section and paragraph (n) of this AD. We have made no change to this AD in this regard.

Conclusion

We reviewed the relevant data, considered the comments received, and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting the AD with the changes described previously. We also determined that these changes will not increase the economic burden on any operator or increase the scope of the AD.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this AD affects about 516 airplanes of U.S. registry. The following table provides the estimated costs for U.S. operators to comply with this AD. The average labor rate is $80 per work hour.

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<th>Work hours</th>
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<td>Inspection to determine inspection zones</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$80</td>
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<td>$41,280.</td>
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<td>Repetitive inspections—Option 1</td>
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<td>$0</td>
<td>$5,120 per inspection cycle.</td>
<td>516</td>
<td>Up to $2,641,920.</td>
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<td>Repetitive inspections—Option 2</td>
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<td>$4,960 per inspection cycle.</td>
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<td>Up to $2,559,360.</td>
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<td>Internal inspection</td>
<td>5, per inspection zone (3 zones).</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$1,200 per inspection cycle.</td>
<td>516</td>
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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
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:

**2009–21–01 Boeing:** Amendment 39–16038.


**Effective Date**

(a) This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective November 17, 2009.

**Affected ADs**

(b) None.

### Applicability

(c) This AD applies to the airplanes identified in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this AD, certified in any category.


(2) Boeing Model 737–400 series airplanes as identified in Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1187, Revision 2, dated May 9, 2007.

**Subject**

(d) Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 53: Fuselage.

**Unsafe Condition**

(e) This AD results from reports of cracks in the aft fuselage skin on both sides of the airplane. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct cracking in the aft fuselage skin along the longitudinal edges of the bonded skin doubler, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

**Compliance**

(f) Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

### Inspections, Related Investigative and Corrective Actions

(g) At the applicable times specified in Tables 1 and 2 of paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 3, dated November 28, 2006 (for Model 737–300 series airplanes); or Table 1 of paragraph 1.E., of Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1187, Revision 2, dated May 9, 2007 (for Model 737–400 series airplanes); except as provided by paragraph (k) of this AD: Do the applicable inspections and related investigative actions to detect cracks in the aft fuselage skin panels, by accomplishing all of the applicable actions specified in the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 3, dated November 28, 2006; or Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1187, Revision 2, dated May 9, 2007: as applicable; including Note (f) of Table 1 of paragraph 1.E. And, do the applicable corrective actions specified in the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 3, dated November 28, 2006; or Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1187, Revision 2, dated May 9, 2007: as applicable; except as provided by paragraphs (b), (i), and (l) of this AD. Repeat the applicable inspections and related investigative actions thereafter at the applicable intervals specified in Tables 1 and 2 of paragraph 1.E. of Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 3, dated November 28, 2006; or Table 1 of paragraph 1.E. of Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1187, Revision 2, dated May 9, 2007: as applicable.

(h) If any crack is found during any inspection or corrective action required by this AD, before further flight, repair in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 3, dated November 28, 2006 (for Model 737–300 series airplanes); or Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1187, Revision 2, dated May 9, 2007 (for Model 737–400 series airplanes); except, where Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 3, dated November 28, 2006; or Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1187, Revision 2, dated May 9, 2007; as applicable; specifies to contact Boeing, before further flight, repair according to a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (m) of this AD.

(i) If any cracking of a repaired area is found during any inspection required by this AD, and Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 3, dated November 28, 2006 (for Model 737–300 series airplanes); or Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1187, Revision 2, dated May 9, 2007 (for Model 737–400 series airplanes); specifies contacting Boeing for appropriate action: Before further flight, using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (m) of this AD.

### Optional Terminating Action

(j) Doing the skin panel replacement before the effective date of this AD, in accordance with the service information specified in Table 1 of this AD, as applicable, terminates the inspection requirements of paragraph (g) of this AD for that skin panel only. As of the effective date of this AD, doing the skin panel replacement, in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 3, dated November 28, 2006; or Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1187, Revision 2, dated May 9, 2007; as applicable; terminates the inspection requirements of paragraph (g) of this AD for that skin panel only.

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Exception to Service Bulletins

(k) Where Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 3, dated November 28, 2006 (for Model 737–300 series airplanes); or Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1187, Revision 2, dated May 9, 2007 (for Model 737–400 series airplanes); specifies compliance times after the release date of those service bulletins, this AD requires that the specified actions be done within the specified compliance times after the effective date of this AD.

No Reporting Required

(l) Although Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1168, Revision 3, dated November 28, 2006 (for Model 737–300 series airplanes); and Boeing Service Bulletin 737–53–1187, Revision 2, dated May 9, 2007 (for Model 737–400 series airplanes); specify to submit information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include such a requirement.

Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(m)(1) The Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. Send information to ATTN: Wayne Lockett, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM–1205, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057–3356; telephone (425) 917–6447; fax (425) 917–6590. Or, e-mail information to 9-AMN-Seattle-ACO-AMOC-Requests@faa.gov.

(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 principal maintenance inspector (PMI) or principal avionics inspector (PAI), as appropriate, or lacking a principal inspector, your local Flight Standards District Office. The AMOC approval letter must specifically reference this AD.

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<td>737–53–1168</td>
<td>1</td>
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(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. Attention: Data & Services Management, P.O. Box 3707, MC 2H–65, Seattle, Washington 98124–2207; telephone 206–544–5000, extension 1; fax 206–766–5680; e-mail me.boecom@boeing.com; Internet https://www.myboeingfleet.com.

(3) You may review copies of the service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service. [FR Doc. E9–23877 Filed 10–9–09; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 71


Establishment of Class E airspace; Chuathbaluk, AK

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final Rule.

SUMMARY: This action establishes Class E airspace at Chuathbaluk, AK to provide adequate controlled airspace to contain aircraft executing Standard Instrument Approach Procedures (SIAPs). One Standard Instrument Approach Procedure (SIAP) is being developed for the Chuathbaluk Airport at Chuathbaluk, AK. Also, this action makes a minor correction to the geographic coordinates and text description for the airport. This action establishes Class E airspace upward from 700 feet (ft.) above the surface at Chuathbaluk Airport, Chuathbaluk, AK.

DATES: Effective Date: 0901 UTC, December 17, 2009. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under title 1, Code of Federal Regulations, part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Rolf, AAL–538G, Federal Aviation Administration, 222 West 7th Avenue, Box 14, Anchorage, AK 99513–7587;