Proposed Rules

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp. (P&WC) PW305A and PW305B Turboprop Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), 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) issued 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: As a result of a change in the low-cycle fatigue lifing methodology for the IMI 834 material, the recommended service life of certain PW305A and PW305B Impellers has been reduced, as published in the Airworthiness Limitations (AWL) section of Engine Maintenance Manual (EMM). The in-service life of impellers P/N 30B2185, 30B2486 and 30B2858–01 has been reduced from 12,000 to 7,000 cycles; and of P/N 30B4565–01 from 8,500 to 7,000 cycles. This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued to mandate the incorporation of the revised in-service life limits for the affected impellers, in the AWL section of EMM, as introduced by Temporary Revision (TR) AL–8.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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–2010–0829; Directorate Identifier 2010–NE–23–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 based on those comments.

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

Relevant Service Information

Pratt & Whitney Canada has issued Maintenance Manual Part Number 30B1402 Temporary Revision No. AL–8, dated January 20, 2010. The reduced cycle limits described in this service information are intended to correct the unsafe condition identified in the MCAI.

FAA’s Determination and Requirements of This Proposed AD

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of Canada, and is approved for operation in the United States.

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States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with Canada, 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 provided by Canada and determined the unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

Costs of Compliance
Based on the service information, we estimate that this proposed AD would affect about 114 products of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it would take about 0 work-hours per product to comply with this proposed AD. The average labor rate is $85 per work-hour. Required parts would cost about $54,288 per product. Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of the proposed AD on U.S. operators to be $6,188,832. Our cost estimate is exclusive of possible warranty coverage.

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, Incorporation by reference, 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:

Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp. (Formerly Pratt & Whitney Canada, Inc.): Docket No. FAA–2010–0829; Directorate Identifier 2010–NE–23–AD.

Comments Due Date
(a) We must receive comments by October 4, 2010.
(b) None.

Applicability
(c) This AD applies to Pratt & Whitney Canada Corp. (P&WC) PW305A and PW305B turboprop engines with certain impellers, part numbers (P/Ns) 30B2185, 30B2486, 30B2858–01, or 30B4565–01 installed. These engines are installed on, but not limited to, Hawker-Beech Corporation BAe.125 series 1000A, 1000B, and Hawker 1000 airplanes and Learjet Inc. Learjet 60 airplanes.

Reason
(d) This AD results from:

As a result of a change in the low-cycle fatigue life of impellers with the PW305A and PW305B Impellers has been reduced, as published in the Airworthiness Limitations (AWL) section of Engine Maintenance Manual (EMM). The in-service life of the PW305A and PW305B Impellers has been reduced from 12,000 to 7,000 cycles.

We are issuing this AD to prevent failure of the impeller, which could result in an uncontained event and possible damage to the airplane.

Actions and Compliance
(e) Unless already done, do the following actions.
(f) Within 30 days from the effective date of this AD, update AWL section of your PW305 EMM P/N 30B1402, to incorporate Temporary Revision (TR) AL–8, dated January 20, 2010, for compliance with the revised in-service limits for the affected Impellers, installed on PW305A and PW305B engine.

FAA AD Differences
(g) None.

Other FAA AD Provisions
(h) The following provisions also apply to this AD:
(i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, Engine Certification Office, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

Related Information
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Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on August 13, 2010.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Addition of Incentive for Regulatory Flexibility for Its Environmental Stewardship Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On July 6, 2007, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) submitted a request to EPA to amend its State Implementation Plan (SIP) to add