DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We propose to supersede an existing airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to all Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Model L–1011 series airplanes. The existing AD currently requires repetitive inspections to detect corrosion or fatigue cracking of certain structural elements of the airplane; corrective actions if necessary; and incorporation of certain structural modifications. Since we issued that AD, we have received reports of small cracks in additional areas outside those addressed in the existing AD, prior to the inspection threshold required by the existing AD. This proposed AD would reduce certain compliance times for the initial inspection, and the repetitive inspection interval for certain airplanes. We are proposing this AD to prevent corrosion or fatigue cracking of certain structural elements, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by November 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, 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.

Hand Delivery: Deliver to Mail address above between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this AD, contact Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, Airworthiness Office, Dept. 6A0M, Zone 0252, Column P–58, 86 S. Cobb Drive, Marietta, Georgia 30063; telephone 770–494–5444; fax 770–494–5445; email ams.portal@lmco.com; Internet http://www.lockheedmartin.com/ams/tools/ TechPubs.html. You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on October 5, 2012.

Ali Bahrami,
Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate,
Aircraft Certification Service.

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We are proposing this AD to prevent...
this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the
ADRESSES section. Include “Docket No. FAA–2012–1078; Directorate Identifier 2011–NM–012–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://www.regulations.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

On July 8, 2005, we issued AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14191 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005), for all Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Model L–1011 series airplanes. That AD requires repetitive inspections to detect corrosion or fatigue cracking of certain structural elements of the airplane; corrective actions if necessary; and incorporation of certain structural modifications. That AD resulted from new recommendations related to incidents of fatigue cracking and corrosion in transport category airplanes that are approaching or have exceeded their economic design goal. We issued that AD to prevent corrosion or fatigue cracking of certain structural elements, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

Actions Since Existing AD Was Issued

Since we issued AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14191 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005), we have received reports of small cracks found outside the areas addressed by the existing AD. Specifically, these cracks were found from inner wing station (IWS) 477.70 to IWS 372.64 (inboard) and from outer wing station (OWS) 52.2 to OWS 296.5 (outboard).

Relevant Service Information

AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14191 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005), refers to Lockheed Tristar L–1011 Service Bulletin 093–51–041, Revision 1, dated March 3, 2000 (a “collective service bulletin”), as the appropriate source of service information for the required actions. This service bulletin has since been revised. We have reviewed Lockheed Service Bulletin 093–51–041, Revision 2, dated March 30, 2010, which, in turn, refers to Lockheed Service Bulletin 093–57–195, now at Revision 4, dated March 17, 2010.

Lockheed Service Bulletin 093–57–195, Revision 4, dated March 17, 2010, includes the following changes:

• Reduces the initial inspection threshold to 15,000 flight cycles; or 15,000 flight cycles after incorporation of Lockheed Service Bulletin 093–57–069, Revision 4, dated October 5, 1998.
• Reduces the repetitive inspection interval to 1,750 flight cycles for Model L–1011–385–3 airplanes.
• Changes the fastener hole cold working procedure from “FTI–LCC–8701” to “FTI–LASC–51–20–01.”

FAA’s Determination

We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all the relevant information and determined the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop in other products of these same type designs.

Proposed AD Requirements

This proposed AD would retain all requirements of AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005). This proposed AD would reduce the initial inspection threshold for certain airplanes for accomplishment of the actions specified in Lockheed Service Bulletin 093–57–195, Revision 4, dated March 17, 2010, and would reduce the repetitive inspection interval for Model L–1011–385–3 airplanes. This proposed AD would also require accomplishing the actions specified in the service information described previously.

Changes to Existing AD

This proposed AD would retain all requirements of AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005). Since AD 2005–15–01 was issued, the AD format has been revised, and certain paragraphs have been rearranged. As a result, the corresponding paragraph identifiers have changed in this proposed AD, as listed in the following table:

REVISED PARAGRAPH IDENTIFIERS

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In addition, we have removed paragraph (h)(2) from AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005), and added a new sentence to paragraph (h)(3) of this proposed AD to specify that information on additional methods of compliance can be obtained from the Manager, Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office (ACO). We might decide to approve certain sections of the Lockheed L–1011 structural repair manual as an alternative method of compliance with this proposed AD, as provided by paragraph (l) of this proposed AD.

We have also revised the applicability of the existing AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005), to identify model designations as published in the most recent type certificate data sheet for the affected models.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this proposed AD affects 26 airplanes of U.S. registry. We estimate the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS

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<td>Inspections [retained actions from existing AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14191 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005)].</td>
<td>129 work-hours $85 per hour = $10,965 per inspection cycle.</td>
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We have received no definitive data that would enable us to provide cost estimates for the retained on-condition actions specified in this proposed AD.

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), (3) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and (4) 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.

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

§ 39.13 [Amended]
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 removing airworthiness directive (AD) 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005), and adding the following new AD:


(a) Comments Due Date  
The FAA must receive comments on this AD action by November 30, 2012.

(b) Affected ADs  
This AD supersedes AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005).

(c) Applicability  

(d) Subject  
Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC)/Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 51, Standard practices/structures; 52, Doors; 53, Fuselage; 57, Wings.

(e) Unsafe Condition  
This AD was prompted by reports of small cracks in additional areas outside those addressed in the existing AD (AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005)), prior to the inspection threshold required by the existing AD. We are issuing this AD to prevent corrosion or fatigue cracking of certain structural elements, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

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

(g) Retained Inspections With Revised Service Information and Reduced Compliance Times  
This paragraph restates the inspection required by paragraph (a) of AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005), with revised service information and reduced compliance times for paragraph (g)(16) of this AD. At the time specified in the “Initial Compliance Time” column of table 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD, perform structural inspections to detect corrosion or fatigue cracking of certain structural elements of the airplane, in accordance with the applicable service bulletins listed under “Service Bulletin Number, Revision, and Date” in tables I and II of Lockheed Tristar L–1011 Service Bulletin 093–51–041, Revision 1, dated March 3, 2000, or Revision 2, dated March 30, 2010. As of the effective date of this AD, only Lockheed Tristar L–1011 Service Bulletin 093–51–041, Revision 2, dated March 30, 2010, may be used for the actions required by this paragraph. Thereafter, repeat the inspections at intervals specified in the “Repetitive Intervals” column of table 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD.

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<td>(5) 093–57–085, Revision 1, dated December 1, 1997.</td>
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<td>(6) 093–57–208, Revision 1, dated October 28, 1997.</td>
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<td>(7) 093–52–210, dated July 19, 1991.</td>
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<td>(8) 093–53–054, Revision 1, dated August 12, 1975.</td>
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<td>(10) 093–53–085, Revision 3, dated December 15, 1989.</td>
<td>Part I: Before the accumulation of 20,000 flight cycles or 37,000 total flight hours, whichever occurs first. Part I: Within 1,600 flight cycles or 3,000 flight hours after August 26, 2005 (the effective date of AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005)), whichever occurs first.</td>
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<td>Modification in accordance with Lockheed TriStar L–1011 Service Bulletin 093–53–085, Basic Issue, dated September 29, 1975; Revision 1, dated September 3, 1976; or Revision 2, dated February 8, 1988.</td>
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<td>(11) 093–53–086, Revision 5, dated April 12, 1990.</td>
<td>Before the accumulation of 9,000 flight cycles or 10,000 flight hours, whichever occurs first. Within 1,600 flight cycles or 3,000 flight hours after August 26, 2005 (the effective date of AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005)), whichever occurs first.</td>
<td>At intervals not to exceed 1,600 flight cycles or 3,000 flight hours, whichever occurs first.</td>
<td>Modification in accordance with Lockheed TriStar L–1011 Service Bulletin 093–53–086, Basic Issue, dated September 26, 1975; Revision 1, dated November 12, 1975; Revision 2, dated December 12, 1976; Revision 3, dated July 8, 1977; Revision 4, dated July 8, 1985, or Revision 5, dated April 12, 1990.</td>
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<td>(12) 093–53–110, Revision 1, dated May 7, 1993.</td>
<td>Before the accumulation of 22,000 total flight cycles or 40,000 total flight hours, whichever occurs first.</td>
<td>Within 2,200 flight cycles or 4,000 flight hours after August 26, 2005 (the effective date of AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005)), whichever occurs first.</td>
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<td>(13) Change Notification 093–53–260, CN4, dated May 8, 1998.</td>
<td>Before the accumulation of 8,000 total flight cycles or 20,000 total flight hours, whichever occurs first.</td>
<td>Within 800 flight cycles or 1,500 flight hours after August 26, 2005 (the effective date of AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005)), whichever occurs first.</td>
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<td>(15) Change Notification 093–57–058, R5–CN1, dated May 3, 1993.</td>
<td>Before the accumulation of 20,000 total flight cycles or 37,000 total flight hours, whichever occurs first.</td>
<td>Within 1,600 flight cycles or 3,000 flight hours after August 26, 2005 (the effective date of AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005)), whichever occurs first.</td>
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<td>(16) Change Notification 093–57–195, R3–CN1, dated August 22, 1995, or Lockheed TriStar L–1011 Service Bulletin 093–57–195, Revision 4, dated March 17, 2010.</td>
<td>At the applicable time specified in paragraph (j) of this AD.</td>
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(b) Retained Corrective Action With a Certain Compliance Method Removed

This paragraph restates the corrective action required by paragraph (b) of AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005), with certain exceptions. If any cracking or corrosion is detected during any inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD, prior to further flight, accomplish the actions specified in paragraph (h)(1), (h)(2), or (h)(3) of this AD.

(1) Repair in accordance with the applicable service bulletin referenced in table I or II of Lockheed TriStar L–1011 Service Bulletin 093–51–041, Revision 1, dated March 3, 2000, or Revision 2, dated March 30, 2010.

(2) Accomplish the terminating modification in accordance with the applicable service bulletin referenced in table I or II of Lockheed TriStar L–1011 Service Bulletin 093–51–041, Revision 1, dated March 3, 2000, or Revision 2, dated March 30, 2010.

(3) Repair in accordance with a method approved by the Manager, Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA. Information on additional methods of compliance can be obtained from the Manager, Atlanta ACO.

(i) Retained Terminating Action

This paragraph restates the terminating action required by paragraph (c) of AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005). Within 5 years or 5,000 flight cycles after August 26, 2005 (the effective date of AD 2005–15–01), whichever occurs first, install the terminating modification referenced in the applicable service bulletin listed in table 1 to paragraph (g) of this AD, in accordance with the applicable service bulletin. Such installation constitutes terminating action for the applicable structural inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD.

(j) Newly Revised Initial Inspection Compliance Time for Certain Airplanes

For airplanes identified in Lockheed TriStar L–1011 Service Bulletin 093–57–195, Revision 4, dated March 17, 2010: Do the initial inspection required by paragraph (g)(16) of this AD at the applicable time specified in paragraph (j)(1) or (j)(2) of this AD.

(1) For airplanes having serial numbers (S/Ns) 1002 through 1109 inclusive: At the earlier of the times specified in paragraphs (j)(1)(i) and (j)(1)(ii) of this AD.

(i) Before the accumulation of 20,000 total flight cycles, or within 2,200 flight cycles after August 26, 2005 (the effective date of AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005)), whichever occurs later.

(ii) Before the accumulation of 15,000 total flight cycles, or within 2,200 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

(2) For airplanes having S/Ns 1110 through 1250 inclusive: At the earlier of the times specified in paragraphs (j)(2)(i) and (j)(2)(ii) of this AD.

(i) Before the accumulation of 30,000 total flight cycles, or within 2,200 flight cycles after August 26, 2005 (the effective date of AD 2005–15–01, Amendment 39–14190 (70 FR 42262, July 22, 2005)), whichever occurs later.

(ii) Before the accumulation of 15,000 total flight cycles, or within 2,200 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

(k) Newly Revised Repetitive Intervals for Certain Airplanes

For airplanes identified in paragraph (j) of this AD, repeat the inspection required by paragraph (j) of this AD thereafter at the applicable times specified in paragraphs (k)(1) or (k)(2) of this AD.

(1) For airplanes having S/Ns 1002 through 1157 through 1250 inclusive: Repeat the inspection one time within 2,200 flight cycles after the most recent inspection; and thereafter at intervals not to exceed 1,750 flight cycles.

(l) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, Atlanta 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. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the ACO, send it to the attention of the person identified in the Related Information section of this AD.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(m) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Carl Gray, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ACE–117A, FAA, Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, Georgia 30337; phone: 404–474–3554; fax: 404–474–5669; email: carl.w.gray@faa.gov.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, Airworthiness Office, Dept. 6A0M, Zone 0252, Column P–58, 86 S. Cobb Drive, Marietta, Georgia 30063; telephone 770–494–5444; fax 770–494–5445; email ams.portof@lmco.com; Internet http://www.lockheedmartin.com/ams/tools/TechPubs.html. You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Bombardier, Inc. Model CL–600–2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 & 440) airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by reports of two in-service incidents where the left main landing gear (MLG) failed to extend. This proposed AD would require installing stopper plates on the aft uplock frames in the MLG bay adjacent to the right and left MLG uplock assemblies. We are proposing this AD to prevent incorrect installation of the upper bolt in the MLG uplock assembly, which could prevent the MLG from extending and adversely affect the safe landing of the airplane.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by November 30, 2012.

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


2. Fax: (202) 493–2251.


4. 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, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this proposed AD, contact Bombardier, Inc., 400 Côte-Vertu Road West, Dorval, Québec H4S 1Y9, Canada; telephone 514–855–5000; fax 514–855–7401; email thd.clj@aero.bombardier.com; Internet http://www.bombardier.com. You may review copies of the referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov: or in person at the Docket Operations office 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 Operations 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:


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–2012–1072; Directorate Identifier 2012–NM–141–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.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to http://www.regulations.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

Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), which is the aviation authority for Canada, has issued Canadian Airworthiness Directive CF–2012–22, dated July 24, 2012 (referred to after this as “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states:

There have been two reported in-service incidents where the left main landing gear (MLG) failed to extend. The investigation revealed that in both cases, the uplock assembly had been replaced prior to the in-service incidents and the upper bolt of the uplock assembly was incorrectly installed. The incorrect installation of the upper bolt resulted in the uplock assembly pivoting on the lower attachment bolt and preventing the MLG from extending under normal or alternate extension.

The potential for an incorrect installation of the upper bolt could occur at both the left hand side (LHS) and/or the right hand side (RHS) MLG uplock assembly. Failure of the MLG to extend could adversely affect the safe landing of the aeroplane.

This [Canadian] AD mandates the installation of stopper plates on the aft uplock frames in the MLG bay, adjacent to both the RHS and LHS MLG uplock assemblies, to prevent an incorrect installation of the MLG uplock assembly.

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

Relevant Service Information

Bombardier, Inc. has issued Service Bulletin 601R–32–109, dated May 29, 2012. The actions 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 another country, and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with the State of Design Authority, we have been notified of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all pertinent information and determined an 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 574 products of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it would take about 5 work-hours per product to comply with the basic requirements of this proposed AD. The average labor rate is $85 per work-hour. Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of the proposed AD on U.S. operators to be $243,950, or $425 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