except those on which Dassault Aviation modification M5741 has been embodied in production.

(d) Subject
Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 24, Electrical Power.

(e) Reason
This AD was prompted by reports of chafing between the tail strobe power supply and a hydraulic line. We are issuing this AD to prevent chafing between the tail strobe power supply and a hydraulic line, which could result in hydraulic fluid leakage and possible fire due to arcing, and consequent loss of control of the airplane due to structural failure of the tail.

(f) Compliance
You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified, unless the actions have already been done.

(g) Actions
Within 65 days or 200 flight hours after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first: Modify the tail strobe power supply wire routing, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Dassault Mandatory Service Bulletin F900–431, dated November 8, 2011 (for Model MYSTERE–FALCON 900 airplanes); or Dassault Mandatory Service Bulletin F900EX–437, dated November 8, 2011 (for FALCON 900EX airplanes).

(h) Other FAA AD Provisions
The following provisions also apply to this AD:
(1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, 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 International Branch, send it to ATTN: Tom Rodriguez, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington 98057–3356; telephone (425) 227–1137; fax (425) 227–1149. Information may be emailed to: 9-ANM-116-AMOC-REQUESTS@faa.gov. 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. The AMOC approval letter must specifically reference this AD.
(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.

(i) Related Information
(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Dassault Falcon Jet, P.O. Box 2000, South Hackensack, NJ 07606; telephone 201–448–6700; Internet http://www.dassaultfalcon.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.
Ali Bahrami,
Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate,
Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus 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 certain Airbus Model A310 series airplanes. The existing AD currently requires repetitive inspections for fatigue cracking of the area around the fasteners of the landing plate of the aileron access doors of the bottom skin panel of the wings, and related corrective action. The existing AD provides for an optional terminating action, which ends the repetitive inspections. Since we issued that AD, a reassessment of the previous fatigue threshold and inspection interval resulted in a determination that reduced inspection thresholds and intervals for accomplishment of the tasks are necessary. This proposed AD would reduce the initial inspection compliance time and intervals and provide additional terminating action options.

We are proposing this AD to detect and correct fatigue cracking of the area around the fasteners of the landing plate of the aileron access doors and the bottom skin panel of the wings, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the wings.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by March 22, 2013.

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.
• 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 Airbus SAS—EAW (Airworthiness Office), 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France; telephone +33 5 61 93 36 96; fax +33 5 61 93 44 51; email account.airworth-eas@airbus.com; Internet http://www.airbus.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
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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–2012–1321; Directorate Identifier 2011–NM–147–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


Since we issued AD 2004–15–07, Amendment 39–13741 (69 FR 44592, July 27, 2004), the manufacturer has done a reassessment of the previous fatigue threshold and inspection interval resulting in a recommendation of reduced inspection thresholds and intervals for accomplishment of the tasks. The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Community, has issued EASA Airworthiness Directive 2011–0125, dated June 30, 2011 (referred to after this as “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states:

DGAC [Direction Générale de l’Aviation Civile] France issued AD 2003–242[B] [which corresponds to FAA AD 2004–15–07, Amendment 39–13741 (69 FR 44592, July 27, 2004)] to require an inspection programme for aeroplanes with pre- and post-Airbus modification 05106 configurations (Airbus SB A310–57–2004) in order to detect any crack located on the trailing edge of the wing bottom skin No.2 panel of the all-speed-aileron servo control bay. A crack at this location, if not detected and corrected, would propagate towards the wing rear spar and ultimately into the wing fuel tank area. Undetected cracks would affect the structural integrity of the [left hand] LH and/or [right hand] RH wing. Since issuance of DGAC France AD 2003–242[B], a reassessment of the previous fatigue threshold and inspection interval has been completed. As a result of the reassessment, the inspection thresholds and intervals for accomplishment of the tasks as defined in Airbus SB A310–57–2082 have been adjusted and reduced. Airbus SB A310–57–2082 Revision 03 has been published, in which the compliance time periods for these inspection thresholds and intervals have been amended.

For the reasons stated above, this [EASA] AD retains the requirements of the DGAC France AD 2003–242[B], which is superseded, and requires implementation of the amended inspection programme. Corrective action includes doing a permanent repair (installing a repair plate and new landing plates), a temporary repair (crack-stop drilling and application of a protective coating) followed by repetitive inspections until a permanent repair is done, and a repair approved by the FAA or EASA (or its delegated agent). This proposed AD also adds optional permanent repairs.

The initial inspection compliance times are dependent on the configuration (modification status, repair status, and crack length), and type of use (short range, long range, and normal). For airplanes without temporary repairs, the initial inspection compliance time ranges between 2,000 total flight cycles or 10,200 total flight hours, whichever occurs first; and 12,000 total flight cycles or 24,000 total flight hours, whichever occurs first. If the total flight cycles or total flight hours compliance time has been exceeded, the initial inspection compliance time (grace period) ranges between 200 flight cycles or 1,000 flight hours, to within 1,000 flight cycles or 2,000 flight hours, whichever occurs first.

For airplanes with temporary repairs, the initial inspection compliance time is dependant on crack length and ranges between 7 flight cycles or 35 flight hours, whichever occurs first, since the repair; to within 100 flight cycles or 200 flight hours, whichever occurs first, since the repair.

For airplanes with a temporary repair, the compliance time for completing the permanent repair ranges between 35 flight cycles or 175 flight hours, whichever occurs first, after completing the temporary repair; to within 500 flight cycles or 1,000 flight hours, whichever occurs first, after completing the temporary repair.

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

Relevant Service Information

Airbus has issued the following service information.

- Airbus Repair Instruction R573–49243, Repair to cracks in all speed aileron access door landing plates, both wings, Revision C, dated July 16, 2003.

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.

Differences Between This AD and the MCAI or Service Information

Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2082, Revision 03, dated November 15, 2010; and Airbus Service Bulletin A310–57–2081, Revision 03, dated October 13, 2010; specify to contact the manufacturer for instructions on how to repair certain conditions, but this proposed AD would require repairing those conditions using a method approved by the FAA or the EASA (or its delegated agent).

Costs of Compliance

Based on the service information, we estimate that this proposed AD would affect about 58 products of U.S. registry. The actions that are required by AD 2004–15–07, Amendment 39–13741 (69 FR 44592, July 27, 2004), and retained in this proposed AD take about 2 work-hours per product, at an average labor rate of $85 per work hour. Based on these figures, the estimated cost of the currently required actions is $170 per product.

We estimate that it would take about 4 work-hours per product to comply with the new 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 $19,720, or $340 per product.

We have received no definitive data that would enable us to provide cost estimates for the on-condition actions specified in this proposed AD. We have no way of determining the number of products that may need these actions.
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 AD would not have federalism implications because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

§39.13 [Amended]

2. The FAA amends §39.13 by removing airworthiness directive (AD) 2004–15–07, Amendment 39–13741 (69 FR 44592, July 27, 2004), and adding the following new AD:


(a) Comments Due Date

We must receive comments by March 22, 2013.

(b) Affected ADs


(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus Model A310–203, –204, –221, –222, –304, –322, –324, and –325 airplanes, certificated in any category, all serial numbers; except for airplanes identified in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this AD.

1. Airplanes that have been modified in accordance with Airbus Service Bulletin A310–57–2081 or during production by Airbus modification 12525.

2. Airplanes that have been repaired according to Airbus Repair Inspection R573–49243 or R573–49237.

(d) Subject

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

(e) Reason

This AD was prompted by a reassessment of the previous fatigue threshold and inspection interval specified in AD 2004–15–07, Amendment 39–13741 (69 FR 44592, July 27, 2004), which resulted in a determination that reduced inspection thresholds and intervals for accomplishment of the tasks are necessary. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct fatigue cracking of the area around the fasteners of the landing plate of the wing bottom skin panel No. 2 of the left and right wings. Do the inspection per the Accomplishment Instructions of Airbus Service Bulletin A310–57–2081, dated June 11, 2002. If no cracking is found, repeat the inspection thereafter at intervals not to exceed 1,900 flight cycles, until accomplishment of the terminating action specified in paragraph (j) of this AD.

Amendment of the inspection required by paragraph (k) of this AD terminates the requirements of paragraph (g) of this AD.

(b) Retained Retentive Inspection for Airplanes With Airbus Modification 5106

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (b) of AD 2004–15–07. Amendment 39–13741 (69 FR 44592, July 27, 2004). For airplanes on which Airbus Modification 5106 has been done as of August 31, 2004 (the effective date of AD 2004–15–07; Do the HFEC inspection required by paragraph (g) of this AD at the applicable time specified in paragraph (h)(1), (h)(2), (h)(3), or (h)(4) of this AD. If no cracking is found, repeat the inspection thereafter at intervals not to exceed 1,900 flight cycles, until accomplishment of the terminating action specified in paragraph (j) of this AD. Accomplishment of the inspection required by paragraph (k) of this AD terminates the requirements of paragraph (h) of this AD.

(1) For airplanes that have accumulated fewer than 1,700 total flight cycles since the date of issuance of the original Airworthiness Certificate or the date of issuance of the original Export Certificate of Airworthiness, whichever is first, as of August 31, 2004 (the effective date of AD 2004–15–07; Amendment 39–13741 (69 FR 44592, July 27, 2004)): Inspect prior to the accumulation of 18,000 total flight cycles.

(2) For airplanes that have accumulated 17,000 or more total flight cycles, but fewer than 19,001 total flight cycles since the date of issuance of the original Airworthiness Certificate or the date of issuance of the original Export Certificate of Airworthiness, whichever is first, as of August 31, 2004 (the effective date of AD 2004–15–07; Amendment 39–13741 (69 FR 44592, July 27, 2004)): Inspect within 2,000 flight cycles after August 31, 2004 (the effective date of AD 2004–15–07).

(3) For airplanes that have accumulated 19,001 or more total flight cycles, but fewer than 21,001 total flight cycles since the date of issuance of the original Airworthiness Certificate or the date of issuance of the original Export Certificate of Airworthiness, whichever is first, as of August 31, 2004 (the effective date of AD 2004–15–07; Amendment 39–13741 (69 FR 44592, July 27, 2004)): Inspect within 1,200 flight cycles after August 31, 2004 (the effective date of AD 2004–15–07).
(4) For airplanes that have accumulated 21,001 or more total flight cycles since the date of issuance of the original Airworthiness Certificate or the date of issuance of the original Export Certificate of Airworthiness, whichever is first, as of August 31, 2004 (the effective date of AD 2004–15–07), Amendment 39–13741 (69 FR 44592, July 27, 2004): Inspect within 500 flight cycles after August 31, 2004 (the effective date of AD 2004–15–07).

(i) Retained Corrective Action

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (c) of AD 2004–15–07, Amendment 39–13741 (69 FR 44592, July 27, 2004). If any cracking is found during any inspection required by paragraph (g) or (h) of this AD, before further flight, do the actions required by either paragraph (i)(1) or (i)(2) of this AD.

(1) A permanent repair of the area by doing the applicable corrective actions per the Accomplishment Instructions of Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2081, Revision 03, dated June 11, 2002. Accomplishment of the permanent repair terminates the repetitive inspections required by this AD for the repaired area only.

(2) Do the terminating action specified in paragraph (j) of this AD.

(j) Retained Optional Terminating Action, With New Service Information and Options

This paragraph restates the retained optional terminating action information specified in paragraph (d) of AD 2004–15–07, Amendment 39–13741 (69 FR 44592, July 27, 2004), with new service information and new options. Modification of the landing plate of the aileron access doors of the wing bottom skin panel No. 2 of the left and right wings by doing all the actions, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2081, published June 11, 2002, or Airbus Service Bulletin A310–57–2082 has been done, within the applicable time specified in Paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2082, Revision 03, dated November 15, 2010, except as specified in paragraph (m)(3) of this AD. The temporary repair of cracks, as identified in Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2082, Revision 03, dated November 15, 2010, does not constitute terminating action for the repetitive inspections required by this AD. Accomplishment of the inspection required by this paragraph terminates the requirements of paragraphs (g) and (h) of this AD. Do the modification specified in paragraph (k)(1)(i) of this AD terminates the repetitive inspections required by this paragraph.

(k) New Inspections, Related Investigative Actions, and Corrective Actions

Except as specified in paragraph (m)[1][1] of this AD, at the applicable time specified in Paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2082, Revision 03, dated November 15, 2010, do a high frequency eddy current (HFEC) inspection to detect cracking of the area around the fasteners of the landing plate of the wing bottom skin panel No. 2 of the left and right wings; and do all applicable corrective actions; in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2082, Revision 03, dated November 15, 2010, except as required by paragraph (m)[2] of this AD. Do all applicable corrective actions before further flight. Repeat the inspection of the area around the fasteners of the landing plate of the wing bottom skin panel No. 2 of the left and right wings thereafter at the applicable intervals, including the compliance times for post temporary repair inspections, specified in Paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2082, Revision 03, dated November 15, 2010, except as specified in paragraph (m)(3) of this AD. The temporary repair of cracks, as identified in Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2082, Revision 03, dated November 15, 2010, does not constitute terminating action for the repetitive inspections required by this AD. Accomplishment of the inspection required by this paragraph terminates the requirements of paragraphs (g) and (h) of this AD. Do the modification specified in paragraph (k)(1)(i) of this AD terminates the repetitive inspections required by this paragraph.

(l) New Permanent Repair

For airplanes on which the temporary repair as specified in Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2082 has been done, within the applicable time specified in Paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2082, Revision 03, dated November 15, 2010: Do the permanent repair, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2082, Revision 03, dated November 15, 2010, except as provided by paragraph (m)(2) of this AD.

(m) New Exceptions to Service Information

(1) Where Paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2082, Revision 03, dated November 15, 2010, specifies a compliance time “from receipt of this service bulletin,” this AD requires compliance within the specified compliance time after the effective date of this AD.

(2) Where Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2082, Revision 03, dated November 15, 2010, specifies to contact Airbus for repair: Before further flight, repair the crack using a method approved by either the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116; or EASA (or its delegated agent).

(3) Where Paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Airbus Mandatory Service Bulletin A310–57–2082, Revision 03, dated November 15, 2010, specifies to contact Airbus for inspection intervals, this AD requires using an inspection interval approved by either the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116; or EASA (or its delegated agent).

(n) Credit for Previous Actions

(1) This paragraph provides credit for the actions required by paragraphs (k) and (l) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using the service information specified in paragraph (n)(1)(i), (n)(1)(ii), or (n)(1)(iii) of this AD, which is not incorporated by reference in this AD.


(2) This paragraph provides credit for the modification of the landing plate of the aileron access doors of the wing bottom skin panel No. 2 of the left and right wings required by paragraph (j) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using the service information specified in paragraph (n)(2)(i) or (n)(2)(ii) of this AD, which is not incorporated by reference in this AD, except where this service information specifies contacting the manufacturer for disposition of certain repair conditions that might be associated with the modification procedure, this AD requires that the repair be done in accordance with a method approved by either the Manager, International Branch, ANM–116; or the EASA (or its delegated agent).


(o) Other FAA AD Provisions

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. 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 International Branch, send it to ATTN: Dan Rodina, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057–3356; telephone (425) 227–1215; fax (425) 227–1149. Information may be emailed to: 9-ANM-116-AMOC-REQUEST@faa.gov. 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. The AMOC approval letter must specifically reference this AD.

(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) AMOCs approved previously in accordance with AD 2004–15–07, Amendment 39–13741 (69 FR 44592, July 27, 2004), are approved as AMOCs for the corresponding provisions of this AD.

(p) Related Information

(1) Refer to MCAI EASA Airworthiness Directive 2011–0125, dated June 30, 2011,
and the service information specified in paragraphs (p)(1)(i) through (p)(1)(vi) of this AD, for related information.


(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Airbus SAS–EAW (Airworthiness Office), 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France; telephone +33 5 61 93 36 96; fax +33 5 61 93 44 51; email account.airworth-eas@airbus.com; Internet http://www.airbus.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.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on January 20, 2013.

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Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: We are revising an earlier proposed airworthiness directive (AD) for all Fokker Services B.V. Model F.27 Mark 050 airplanes, and Model F.28 Mark 0070 and 0100 airplanes. That NPRM proposed to require inspecting and, if necessary, adjusting, the torque values of nuts on circuit breakers, contactors, and terminal blocks of the electrical power center (EPC) and battery relay panel. This proposed AD would also require inspecting to determine if certain parts are installed, and installing the parts if necessary. This action revises that NPRM by adding a previously omitted terminal block to the required actions. We are proposing this AD to detect and correct loose nuts, which could result in arcing and potentially an onboard fire, possibly resulting in damage to the airplane and injury to occupants or maintenance personnel. Since these actions impose an additional burden over that proposed in the NPRM, we are reopening the comment period to allow the public the chance to comment on these proposed changes.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by March 22, 2013.

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.


• Hand Delivery: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–10, 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 Fokker Services B.V., Technical Services Dept., P.O. Box 231, 2150 AE Nieuw-Vennep, the Netherlands; telephone +31 (0)252–627–350; fax +31 (0)252–627–211; email technicalservices.fokkerservices@stork.com; Internet http://www.myfokkerfleet.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.

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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–2012–0270; Directorate Identifier 2011–NM–113–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

We proposed to amend 14 CFR part 39 with an earlier NPRM for the specified products, which was published in the Federal Register on March 21, 2012 (77 FR 16486). That earlier NPRM proposed to require actions intended to address the unsafe condition for the products listed above. Since that NPRM (77 FR 16486, March 21, 2012) was issued, we have determined that an additional terminal block used in some Model F.28 Mark 0100 airplanes needs to be included in the required actions proposed in the earlier NPRM. European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has issued Airworthiness Directive 2012–0050, dated March 27, 2012 (referred to after this as “the MCAI”), to add that terminal block to their required actions. The MCAI states:

In December 1989, Fokker issued Service Bulletin (SB) SFB50–24–A013 and SFB100–24–A011 (both Alert Bulletins) to instruct operators to inspect and adjust several torque values of bus bars and contactors in the EPC. The Civil Aviation Authority of The Netherlands (CAA–NL, formerly RLD) issued AD (BLA) 89–159 and BLA 89–157, respectively (both now at issue 2), to require operators of the affected aeroplanes to comply with the instructions of these SB’s.

Since those [Dutch] ADs were issued, several operators reported finding loose nuts on contactors in the EPC of Fokker 50/60 aeroplanes in post-SFB50–24–A013 configuration and on Fokker 70/100 aeroplanes in post-SFB100–24–A011 configuration. In some cases, the findings included damaged [burned] contactors.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to arcing and, in