

**(j) New No Alternative Actions and/or Intervals**

After accomplishing the revision required by paragraph (i) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) and/or intervals may be used unless the actions and/or intervals are approved as an AMOC in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (k)(1) of this AD.

**(k) 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: Sanjay Ralhan, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057-3356; telephone 425-227-1405; fax 425-227-1149. Information may be emailed to: [9-ANM-116-AMOC-REQUESTS@faa.gov](mailto:9-ANM-116-AMOC-REQUESTS@faa.gov).

(i) 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.

(ii) AMOCs approved previously for AD 2015-05-02, are approved as AMOCs for the corresponding provisions of paragraphs (g) and (h) of this AD.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer*: As of the effective date of this AD, for any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from a manufacturer, the action must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA; or the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA); or Airbus's EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

**(l) Related Information**

(1) Refer to Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information (MCAI) EASA Airworthiness Directive 2015-0083, dated May 12, 2015, for related information. This MCAI may be found in the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2016-6429.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Airbus, Airworthiness Office—EIAS, 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](mailto:account.airworth-eas@airbus.com); Internet <http://www.airbus.com>. You may view this 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 May 3, 2016.

**Michael Kaszycki,**

*Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39**

**[Docket No. FAA-2016-6430; Directorate Identifier 2015-NM-176-AD;]**

**RIN 2120-AA64**

**Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** We propose to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2005-13-30, which applies to all Boeing Model 737-100, -200, and -200C series airplanes. AD 2005-13-30 currently requires repetitive inspections to detect discrepancies of certain fuselage skin panels located just aft of the wheel well, and repair if necessary. Since we issued AD 2005-13-30, an evaluation by the design approval holder (DAH) indicates that the fuselage skin is subject to widespread fatigue damage (WFD), and we have received reports of cracks at the chem-milled steps in the fuselage skin. This proposed AD would add new fuselage skin inspections for cracking, inspections to detect missing or loose fasteners and any disbonding or cracking of bonded doublers, permanent repairs of time-limited repairs, related investigative and corrective actions if necessary, and skin panel replacement. We are proposing this AD to detect and correct fatigue cracking of the fuselage skin panels, which could cause rapid decompression of the airplane.

**DATES:** We must receive comments on this proposed AD by June 27, 2016.

**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.

- *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:* 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 NPRM, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Data & Services Management, P.O. Box 3707, MC 2H-65, Seattle, WA 98124-2207; telephone 206-544-5000, extension 1; fax 206-766-5680; Internet <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>. You may view this 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. It is also available on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2016-6430.

**Examining the AD Docket**

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2016-6430; 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 proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Office (phone: 800-647-5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Wade Sullivan, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057-3356; phone: 425-917-6430; fax: 425-917-6590; email: [wade.sullivan@faa.gov](mailto:wade.sullivan@faa.gov).

**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-2016-6430; Directorate Identifier 2015-NM-176-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>.

[www.regulations.gov](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

Fatigue damage can occur locally, in small areas or structural design details, or globally, in widespread areas. Multiple-site damage is widespread damage that occurs in a large structural element such as a single rivet line of a lap splice joining two large skin panels. Widespread damage can also occur in multiple elements such as adjacent frames or stringers. Multiple-site damage and multiple-element damage cracks are typically too small initially to be reliably detected with normal inspection methods. Without intervention, these cracks will grow, and eventually compromise the structural integrity of the airplane. This condition is known as widespread fatigue damage. It is associated with general degradation of large areas of structure with similar structural details and stress levels. As an airplane ages, WFD will likely occur, and will certainly occur if the airplane is operated long enough without any intervention.

The FAA's WFD final rule (75 FR 69746, November 15, 2010) became effective on January 14, 2011. The WFD rule requires certain actions to prevent structural failure due to WFD throughout the operational life of certain existing transport category airplanes and all of these airplanes that will be certificated in the future. For existing and future airplanes subject to the WFD rule, the rule requires that DAHs establish a limit of validity (LOV) of the engineering data that support the structural maintenance program.

Operators affected by the WFD rule may not fly an airplane beyond its LOV, unless an extended LOV is approved.

The WFD rule (75 FR 69746, November 15, 2010) does not require identifying and developing maintenance actions if the DAHs can show that such actions are not necessary to prevent WFD before the airplane reaches the LOV. Many LOVs, however, do depend on accomplishment of future maintenance actions. As stated in the WFD rule, any maintenance actions necessary to reach the LOV will be mandated by airworthiness directives through separate rulemaking actions.

In the context of WFD, this action is necessary to enable DAHs to propose LOVs that allow operators the longest operational lives for their airplanes, and still ensure that WFD will not occur. This approach allows for an

implementation strategy that provides flexibility to DAHs in determining the timing of service information development (with FAA approval), while providing operators with certainty regarding the LOV applicable to their airplanes.

On June 24, 2005, we issued AD 2005-13-30, Amendment 39-14167 (70 FR 36829, June 27, 2005) ("AD 2005-13-30"), for all Boeing Model 737-100, -200, and -200C series airplanes. AD 2005-13-30 requires repetitive inspections to detect discrepancies of certain fuselage skin panels located just aft of the wheel well, and repair if necessary. AD 2005-13-30 resulted from reports of fatigue cracking of the skins and doublers located aft of the wing, between body station (BS) 727 and BS 1016, and between body stringers S-14 and S-25 on numerous Boeing Model 737-100, -200, and -200C series airplanes. On some airplanes, reinforcing angles had been installed on the skin doublers; however, cracking was detected on both modified and unmodified airplanes. The cracking has been attributed to fatigue from a combination of shear stresses due to repeated wrinkling of the skin, and the skin chem-milled pockets configuration. We issued AD 2005-13-30 to detect and correct fatigue cracking of the fuselage skin panels, which could cause rapid decompression of the airplane.

### Actions Since AD 2005-13-30 Was Issued

Since we issued AD 2005-13-30, an evaluation by the DAH indicates that the fuselage skin is subject to WFD, and we have received reports of cracks at the chem-milled steps in the fuselage skin.

### Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

We reviewed Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015. The service information describes procedures for inspection and repair of the fuselage skin panels between BS 727 and BS 1016, and between stringers S-14 and S-25; and also describes procedures for skin panel replacement. This service information is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

### 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 the same type design.

### Proposed AD Requirements

Although this proposed AD does not explicitly restate the requirements of AD 2005-13-30, this proposed AD would retain certain requirements of AD 2005-13-30. Those requirements are referenced in the service information identified previously, which, in turn, is referenced in paragraph (h) of this proposed AD.

This proposed AD would also require accomplishing the actions specified in the service information described previously, except as discussed under "Differences Between this Proposed AD and the Service Information." For airplanes having line numbers 1 through 291, this proposed AD would require actions done in accordance with a method approved by the Manager, Seattle ACO, FAA.

The phrase "related investigative actions" is used in this proposed AD. "Related investigative actions" are follow-on actions that (1) are related to the primary actions, and (2) further investigate the nature of any condition found. Related investigative actions in an AD could include, for example, inspections.

The phrase "corrective actions" is used in this proposed AD. "Corrective actions" are actions that correct or address any condition found. Corrective actions in an AD could include, for example, repairs.

### Differences Between This Proposed AD and the Service Information

Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, specifies to contact the manufacturer for instructions on how to repair certain conditions and also to obtain certain work instructions, but this proposed AD would require repairing those conditions and also to obtain those work instructions in one of the following ways:

- In accordance with a method that we approve; or
- Using data that meet the certification basis of the airplane, and that have been approved by the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) whom we have authorized to make those findings.

### Explanation of Compliance Time

The compliance time for the replacement specified in this proposed AD for addressing WFD was established to ensure that discrepant structure is replaced before WFD develops in airplanes. Standard inspection techniques cannot be relied on to detect WFD before it becomes a hazard to

flight. We will not grant any extensions of the compliance time to complete any AD-mandated service bulletin related to WFD without extensive new data that

would substantiate and clearly warrant such an extension.

**Costs of Compliance**

We estimate that this proposed AD affects 9 airplanes of U.S. registry. We estimate the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

**ESTIMATED COSTS**

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Inspection [actions retained from AD 2005–13–30].	Up to 88 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$7,480 per inspection cycle.	\$0 .....	Up to \$7,480 per inspection cycle.	Up to \$67,320 per inspection cycle.
Inspection [new proposed action].	Up to 1,914 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$162,690 per inspection cycle.	\$0 .....	Up to \$162,690 per inspection cycle.	Up to \$1,464,210 per inspection cycle.
Skin panel replacement [new proposed action].	688 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$58,480.	\$96,000	\$154,480 .....	\$1,390,320.

We estimate the following costs to do any necessary repairs that would be

required based on the results of the proposed inspection. We have no way of

determining the number of aircraft that might need these repairs:

**ON-CONDITION COSTS**

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product
Time-limited repair .....	24 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$2,040 .....	(1)	<sup>1</sup> \$2,040
Permanent repair .....	43 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$3,655 .....	(1)	<sup>1</sup> \$3,655
Permanent repair inspection .....	7 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$595 .....	(1)	<sup>1</sup> \$595

<sup>1</sup> We have received no definitive data that would enable us to provide parts cost estimates for the on-condition actions specified in this proposed AD.

According to the manufacturer, some of the costs of this proposed AD may be covered under warranty, thereby reducing the cost impact on affected individuals. We do not control warranty coverage for affected individuals. As a result, we have included all available costs in our cost estimate.

**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**

- 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) 2005–13–30, Amendment 39–14167 (70 FR 36829, June 27, 2005), and adding the following new AD:

**The Boeing Company:** Docket No. FAA–2016–6430; Directorate Identifier 2015–NM–176–AD.

**(a) Comments Due Date**

The FAA must receive comments on this AD action by June 27, 2016.

**(b) Affected ADs**

This AD replaces AD 2005–13–30, Amendment 39–14167 (70 FR 36829, June 27, 2005) (“AD 2005–13–30”).

**(c) Applicability**

This AD applies to all The Boeing Company Model 737–100, –200, and –200C series airplanes, certificated in any category.

**(d) Subject**

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

**(e) Unsafe Condition**

This AD was prompted by an evaluation by the design approval holder (DAH) indicating that the fuselage skin is subject to widespread fatigue damage (WFD), and reports of cracks at the chem-milled steps in the fuselage skin. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct fatigue cracking of the fuselage skin panels, which could cause rapid decompression of the airplane.

**(f) Compliance**

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

**(g) Actions for Group 1 Airplanes**

For Group 1 airplanes identified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015: Within 120 days after the effective date of this AD, accomplish actions to correct the unsafe condition (e.g., inspections, repairs, modifications, and related investigative and corrective actions) using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (o) of this AD.

**(h) Inspections, Related Investigative and Corrective Actions**

Except for Group 1 airplanes identified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015: At the applicable times specified in tables 1 and 2 of paragraph 1.E., "Compliance," of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, except as required by paragraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2) of this AD: Do the applicable inspections to detect cracks in the fuselage skin panels; and do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions; in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, except as required by paragraphs (i)(3) and (i)(4) of this AD. Do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions before further flight. Repeat the applicable inspections thereafter at the applicable intervals specified Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015. Accomplishment of a repair in accordance with "Part 3: Repair" of the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, except as required by paragraph (i)(3) of this AD, is terminating action for the repetitive inspections required by this paragraph at the repaired locations only.

**(i) Exceptions to Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, Dated June 30, 2015**

(1) Where Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, specifies compliance times "after the Revision 3 date of this service bulletin," this AD requires compliance within the specified compliance times after the effective date of this AD.

(2) The Condition column of paragraph 1.E., "Compliance," of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, refers to airplanes in certain configurations as of the "issue date of Revision 3 of this service bulletin." However, this AD applies to airplanes in the specified configurations "as of the effective date of this AD."

(3) Where Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, specifies contacting Boeing for repair instructions or work instructions, before further flight, repair or perform the work instructions using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (o) of this AD, except as required by paragraph (i)(4) of this AD.

(4) For airplanes on which an operator has a record that a skin panel was replaced with a production skin panel at or before 59,000 total flight cycles: At the applicable time for the next inspection as specified in tables 1 and 2 of paragraph 1.E., "Compliance," Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, except as provided by paragraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2) of this AD: Perform inspections and applicable corrective actions using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (o) of this AD.

**(j) Actions for Airplanes With a Time Limited Repair Installed**

Except for Group 1 airplanes identified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015: Do the applicable actions required by paragraphs (j)(1) and (j)(2) of this AD.

(1) For airplanes with a time limited repair installed as specified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 2, dated April 19, 2001: At the applicable times specified in table 3 of paragraph 1.E., "Compliance," of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, except as provided by paragraphs (i)(1) and (i)(2) of this AD: Do the actions specified in paragraphs (j)(1)(i) and (j)(1)(ii) of this AD.

(i) Do the applicable inspections to detect missing or loose fasteners and any disbonding or cracking of bonded doublers; and do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions; in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, except as required by paragraph (i)(3) of this AD. Do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions before further flight. Repeat the applicable inspections thereafter at the applicable intervals specified Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015.

(ii) Make the time limited repair permanent; and do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions; in accordance the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, except as required by paragraph (i)(3) of this AD. Do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions before further flight. Accomplishing the permanent repair required by this paragraph terminates

the inspections required by paragraph (j)(1)(i) of this AD for the permanently repaired area only.

(2) For airplanes with a time limited repair installed as specified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015: At the applicable times specified in table 4 of paragraph 1.E., "Compliance," of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015: Do the actions specified in paragraphs (j)(2)(i) and (j)(2)(ii) of this AD.

(i) Do the applicable inspections to detect missing or loose fasteners and any disbonding or cracking of bonded doublers; and do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions; in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, except as required by paragraph (i)(3) of this AD. Do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions before further flight. Repeat the applicable inspections thereafter at the applicable intervals specified Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015.

(ii) Make the time limited repair permanent; and do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions; in accordance the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, except as required by paragraph (i)(3) of this AD. Do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions before further flight. Accomplishing the permanent repair required by this paragraph terminates the inspections required by paragraph (j)(2)(i) of this AD for the permanently repaired area only.

**(k) Modification of Certain Permanent Repairs**

Except for Group 1 airplanes identified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015: For airplanes with an existing time limited repair that was made permanent as specified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 2, dated April 19, 2001: At the applicable times specified in table 5 of paragraph 1.E., "Compliance," of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, except as required by paragraph (i)(1) of this AD: Modify the existing permanent repair; and do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions; in accordance the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, except as required by paragraph (i)(3) of this AD. Do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions before further flight.

**(l) Certain Post-Repair Inspections**

For airplanes with a permanent repair installed as specified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015: At the applicable time specified in table 6 of paragraph 1.E., "Compliance," of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-

1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015: Do an external low frequency eddy current (LFEC) inspection for cracking of the skin at the critical fastener row of the repair doubler; and do all applicable corrective actions; in accordance the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015, except as required by paragraph (i)(3) of this AD. Do all applicable corrective actions before further flight. Repeat the LFEC inspection thereafter at the applicable intervals specified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015.

#### (m) Skin Panel Replacement

Except for Group 1 airplanes identified in Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015: At the later of the times specified in paragraphs (m)(1) and (m)(2) of this AD: Replace the applicable skin panels, and do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2015. Do all applicable related investigative and corrective actions before further flight. Doing the skin panel replacement required by this paragraph terminates the inspection requirements of paragraph (h) of this AD for that skin panel only, provided the skin panel was replaced with a production skin panel after 59,000 total flight cycles.

(1) Before 60,000 total flight cycles, but not at or before 59,000 total flight cycles.

(2) Within 6,000 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD, but not at or before 59,000 total flight cycles.

#### (n) Credit for Previous Actions

This paragraph provides credit for the actions required by paragraph (h) of this AD, if those actions were performed before the effective date of this AD using Boeing Special Attention Service Bulletin 737-53-1065, Revision 2, dated April 19, 2001, which was incorporated by reference in AD 2005-13-30.

#### (o) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(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. 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 paragraph (p)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: [9-ANM-Seattle-ACO-AMOC-Requests@faa.gov](mailto:9-ANM-Seattle-ACO-AMOC-Requests@faa.gov).

(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.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair, modification, or alteration required by this AD if it is approved by the Boeing Commercial Airplanes Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has

been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO, to make those findings. To be approved, the repair method, modification deviation, or alteration deviation must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

(4) AMOCs approved previously for AD 2005-13-30, are approved as AMOCs for the corresponding provisions of paragraph (h) of this AD.

#### (p) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Wade Sullivan, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120S, FAA, Seattle ACO, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98057-3356; phone: 425-917-6430; fax: 425-917-6590; email: [wade.sullivan@faa.gov](mailto:wade.sullivan@faa.gov).

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Data & Services Management, P. O. Box 3707, MC 2H-65, Seattle, WA 98124-2207; telephone 206-544-5000, extension 1; fax 206-766-5680; Internet <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>. You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, Washington. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425-227-1221.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on May 4, 2016.

**Michael Kaszycki,**

*Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2016-6428; Directorate Identifier 2015-NM-119-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company 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 The Boeing Company Model 787-8 airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by reports indicating that certain wing side-of-body stringer fittings have been installed with faying surface mismatch beyond the allowed machining tolerance. This proposed AD would require inspection of certain stringer fittings for faying surface mismatch common to the side-of-body rib chord, replacement if necessary, and replacement of the clearance fit fasteners common to the side-of-body

fittings and upper side-of-body rib chord with tapered sleeve bolts. We are proposing this AD to prevent an unacceptable reduction of the fatigue life in the upper side-of-body rib chord. Associated fatigue cracks can reduce the structural capability to a point where it cannot sustain limit load, which could adversely affect the structural integrity of the airplane.

**DATES:** We must receive comments on this proposed AD by June 27, 2016.

**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.

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