

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2021–0093

(1) Where EASA AD 2021–0093 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) The requirements specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of EASA AD 2021–0093 do not apply to this AD.

(3) Paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2021–0093 specifies revising “the approved AMP” within 12 months after its effective date, but this AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable within 90 days after the effective date of this AD.

(4) The initial compliance time for doing the tasks specified in paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2021–0093 is at the applicable “thresholds” as incorporated by the requirements of paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2021–0093, or within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

(5) The provisions specified in paragraphs (4) of EASA AD 2021–0093 do not apply to this AD.

(6) The “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2021–0093 does not apply to this AD.

(i) Provisions for Alternative Actions and Intervals

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals are allowed unless they are approved as specified in the provisions of the “Ref. Publications” section of EASA AD 2021–0093.

(j) Terminating Action for Certain Requirements of AD 2019–21–01 and AD 2020–23–11

(1) Accomplishing the actions required by this AD terminates the corresponding requirements of AD 2019–21–01, for the tasks identified in the service information referred to in EASA AD 2021–0093 only.

(2) Accomplishing the actions required by this AD terminates the corresponding requirements of AD 2020–23–11, for the tasks identified in the service information referred to in EASA AD 2021–0093 only.

(k) Other FAA AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: The Manager, Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, 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 Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (l)(2) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@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.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer*: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions

from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Airbus SAS’s EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(3) *Required for Compliance (RC)*: Except as required by paragraph (k)(2) of this AD, if any service information contains procedures or tests that are identified as RC, those procedures and tests must be done to comply with this AD; any procedures or tests that are not identified as RC are recommended. Those procedures and tests that are not identified as RC may be deviated from using accepted methods in accordance with the operator’s maintenance or inspection program without obtaining approval of an AMOC, provided the procedures and tests identified as RC can be done and the airplane can be put back in an airworthy condition. Any substitutions or changes to procedures or tests identified as RC require approval of an AMOC.

(l) Related Information

(1) For information about EASA AD 2021–0093, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email ADs@easa.europa.eu; internet www.easa.europa.eu. You may find this EASA AD on the EASA website at <https://ad.easa.europa.eu>. You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195. This material may be found in the AD docket on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2021–0617.

(2) For more information about this AD, contact Dan Rodina, Aerospace Engineer, Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone and fax 206–231–3225; email dan.rodina@faa.gov.

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

[Docket No. FAA–2021–0571; Project Identifier AD–2021–00101–T]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain The Boeing Company Model 787–8, 787–9, and 787–10 airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by reports of damage to the thrust reverser (TR) translating sleeve secondary sliders due to contact between the slider and the slider track liner. This damage was only found on TR sleeves installed on certain engines. This proposed AD would require determining the serial number of the TR and performing applicable on-condition actions; or replacing the TR with a serviceable TR. The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: The FAA must receive comments on this proposed AD by September 23, 2021.

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 <https://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: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminister Blvd., MC 110–SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740–5600; telephone 562–797–1717; internet <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>. You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195. It is also available on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2021–0571.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2021–0571; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this

NPRM, any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tak Kobayashi, Aerospace Engineer, Propulsion Section, FAA, Seattle ACO Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone and fax: 206-231-3553; email: takahisa.kobayashi@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The FAA invites you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include "Docket No. FAA-2021-0571; Project Identifier AD-2021-00101-T" at the beginning of your comments. The most helpful comments reference a specific portion of the proposal, explain the reason for any recommended change, and include supporting data. The FAA will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposal because of those comments.

Except for Confidential Business Information (CBI) as described in the following paragraph, and other information as described in 14 CFR 11.35, the FAA will post all comments received, without change, to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. The agency will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact received about this NPRM.

Confidential Business Information

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this NPRM contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this NPRM, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission containing CBI as "PROPIN." The FAA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this NPRM. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Tak Kobayashi, Aerospace Engineer, Propulsion Section, FAA, Seattle ACO Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone and fax: 206-231-3553; email: takahisa.kobayashi@faa.gov. Any commentary that the FAA receives

which is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

Background

The FAA has received reports of damage to the TR translating sleeve secondary sliders. Gouging damage to the slider end and grooving damage along the length of the slider occurred due to contact between the slider and the slider track liner. This damage was found only on TR sleeves installed on Rolls-Royce engines with mission improvement configuration thrust reversers. This damage, if not addressed, could result in failure of the TR translating sleeve secondary slider and possible detachment of the outer cowl, which could strike the fuselage causing damage to the airplane, and could result in reduced control or performance of the airplane.

FAA's Determination

The FAA is issuing this NPRM after determining that the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

Related Service Information Under 14 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787-81205-SB780043-00 RB, Issue 001, dated January 15, 2021. This service information specifies procedures for determining the serial number of the TR, and applicable on-condition actions; or replacing the TR with a serviceable TR. On-condition actions include reworking affected TR slider track liners; determining the serial number of the TR translating sleeves; checking to determine if certain TR translating sleeves have been installed on certain TRs; performing a detailed inspection of the secondary sliders of affected TR translating sleeves for cracking, grooving, gouging damage, and any existing repair; performing a dye penetrant inspection on any cracking, grooving or gouging damage, and any existing repair for cracking; and repairing any discrepancy found.

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 **ADDRESSES**.

Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM

This proposed AD would require accomplishing the actions specified in the service information already described, except for any differences identified as exceptions in the

regulatory text of this proposed AD. For information on the procedures and compliance times, see this service information at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2021-0571.

Explanation of Requirements Bulletin

The FAA worked in conjunction with industry, under the Airworthiness Directive Implementation Aviation Rulemaking Committee (AD ARC), to enhance the AD system. One enhancement is a process for annotating which steps in the service information are "required for compliance" (RC) with an AD. Boeing has implemented this RC concept into Boeing service bulletins.

In an effort to further improve the quality of ADs and AD-related Boeing service information, a joint process improvement initiative was worked between the FAA and Boeing. The initiative resulted in the development of a new process in which the service information more clearly identifies the actions needed to address the unsafe condition in the "Accomplishment Instructions." The new process results in a Boeing Requirements Bulletin, which contains only the actions needed to address the unsafe condition (*i.e.*, only the RC actions).

Differences Between This Proposed AD and the Service Information

The effectivity of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787-81205-SB780043-00 RB, Issue 001, dated January 15, 2021, includes all Model 787-8, 787-9, and 787-10 airplanes equipped with Rolls-Royce engines. This proposed AD would only require accomplishing the actions specified in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787-81205-SB780043-00 RB, Issue 001, dated January 15, 2021, on airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued on or before the effective date of this AD. Airplanes certificated after the effective date of this AD will not be delivered with affected TRs or TR translating sleeves. However, because the affected TRs and TR translating sleeves are rotatable parts, the FAA has determined that these parts could later be installed on airplanes delivered with acceptable parts, thereby subjecting those airplanes to the unsafe condition. This proposed AD would therefore include a parts installation prohibition applicable to all Model 787-8, 787-9, and 787-10 airplanes equipped with Rolls-Royce engines. Furthermore, the FAA has determined that a parts installation prohibition needs to be specified for airplanes on

which the corrective actions required by this proposed AD have been accomplished. In general, such a prohibition is not necessary since an airplane that is credited for compliance with an AD requirement must be maintained at the AD-compliant configuration. However, the corrective actions required by this AD are accomplished on the TRs and TR

translating sleeves, and those parts can be moved from one airplane to another as part of regular maintenance activities. To prevent inadvertent maintenance where an AD-compliant airplane is re-configured to a non-compliant configuration by installing a TR or TR translating sleeve on which the corrective actions have not been accomplished, this proposed AD would

explicitly specify a parts installation prohibition for those airplanes that have complied with an AD requirement.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 14 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

| Action | Labor cost | Parts cost | Cost per product | Cost on U.S. operators |
|----------------------------------|---|------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Serial number inspection | 6 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$510 | \$0 | \$510 | Up to \$7,140. |
| Replacement (per T/R half) | 12 work-hours × \$85 per hour \$1,020 | 0 | 1,020 | Up to \$14,280. |

The FAA estimates the following costs to do any necessary on-condition repairs, dye-penetrant inspections, TR sleeve serial number checks, or checks

to determine if certain TR sleeves have been installed on certain TRs, that would be required. The FAA has no way of determining the number of aircraft

that might need these on-condition actions:

ESTIMATED COSTS OF ON-CONDITION ACTIONS

| Action | Labor cost | Parts cost | Cost per product |
|--|--|------------|------------------|
| Repair | Up to 100 work-hours × \$85 per hour = Up to \$8,500 | \$0 | Up to \$8,500. |
| Dye-penetrant inspection | Up to 4 work-hours × \$85 per hour = Up to \$340 | 0 | Up to \$340. |
| TR sleeve serial number check | 1 work-hour × \$85 per hour = \$85 | 0 | \$85. |
| Check to determine if TR translating sleeve has been installed on certain TRs. | 1 work-hour × \$85 per hour = \$85 | 0 | \$85. |

The FAA has received no definitive data on which to base the cost estimates for the on-condition rework and detailed inspections specified in this proposed AD.

The FAA has included all known costs in its cost estimate. According to the manufacturer, however, some or all of the costs of this proposed AD may be covered under warranty, thereby reducing the cost impact on affected operators.

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.

The FAA is 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

The FAA determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national Government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Would not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) Would 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 adding the following new airworthiness directive:

The Boeing Company: Docket No. FAA–2021–0571; Project Identifier AD–2021–00101–T.

(a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by September 23, 2021.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to The Boeing Company Model 787–8, 787–9, and 787–10 airplanes, certificated in any category, powered by Rolls-Royce Trent 1000 engines.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 78, Thrust Reverser.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports of damage to the thrust reverser (TR) translating sleeve secondary sliders due to contact between the slider and the slider track liner. This damage was only found on TR sleeves installed on certain engines. The FAA is issuing this AD to address this damage, which could result in failure of the TR translating sleeve secondary slider and possible detachment of the outer cowl, which could strike the fuselage, causing damage to the airplane, and could result in reduced control or performance of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Required Actions

For airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued on or before the effective date of this AD: Except as specified by paragraph (h) of this AD; at the applicable times specified in the “Compliance” paragraph of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB780043–00 RB, Issue 001, dated January 15, 2021, do all applicable actions for Group 1, Configuration 1 airplanes as identified in, and in accordance with, the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB780043–00 RB, Issue 001, dated January 15, 2021.

Note 1 to paragraph (g): Guidance for accomplishing the actions required by this AD can be found in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin B787–81205–SB780043–00, Issue 001, dated January 15, 2021, which is referred to in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB780043–00 RB, Issue 001, dated January 15, 2021.

(h) Exceptions to Service Information Specifications

(1) Where Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB780043–00 RB, Issue 001, dated January 15, 2021, uses the phrase “the issue 001 date of Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB780043–00 RB,” this AD requires using “the effective date of this AD.”

(2) Where Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB780043–00 RB, Issue 001, dated January 15, 2021, specifies contacting Boeing for repair instructions or for instructions to address certain conditions: This AD requires doing the repair or doing the instructions using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (j) of this AD.

(i) Parts Installation Limitations

(1) As of the applicable compliance time specified in paragraph (i)(1)(i) or (ii) of this AD, no person may install on any airplane a

TR with serial number between 00110001 and 00312001 inclusive, on which all applicable inspections and corrective actions required by paragraph (g) of this AD have not been accomplished.

(i) For airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued on or before the effective date of this AD: After accomplishing the actions required by paragraph (g) of this AD.

(ii) For airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued after the effective date of this AD: As of the effective date of this AD.

(2) As of the applicable compliance time specified in paragraph (i)(2)(i) or (ii) of this AD, no person may install on any airplane a TR translating sleeve with serial number 00125001 and subsequent, on which all applicable inspections and corrective actions required by paragraph (g) of this AD have not been accomplished.

(i) For airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued on or before the effective date of this AD: After accomplishing the actions required by paragraph (g) of this AD.

(ii) For airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued after the effective date of this AD: As of the effective date of this AD.

(3) As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install a TR translating sleeve that was originally installed on any airplane with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued after the effective date of this AD; or a TR translating sleeve with serial number 00125001 and subsequent, on which all applicable inspections and corrective actions specified in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB780043–00 RB, Issue 001, dated January 15, 2021, have been accomplished; on any airplane with a TR with a serial number between 00110001 and 00312001 inclusive, unless all applicable inspections and corrective actions specified in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin B787–81205–SB780043–00 RB, Issue 001, dated January 15, 2021, have been accomplished on that TR, except as specified in paragraph (h)(2) of this AD.

(j) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, Seattle ACO Branch, 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 responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the certification office, send it to the attention of the person identified in Related Information. Information may be emailed to: 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 responsible Flight Standards 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 Company Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO Branch, FAA, 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.

(k) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Tak Kobayashi, Aerospace Engineer, Propulsion Section, FAA, Seattle ACO Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; phone and fax: 206–231–3553; email: takahisa.kobayashi@faa.gov.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminister Blvd., MC 110–SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740–5600; telephone 562–797–1717; internet <https://www.myboeingfleet.com>. You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195.

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

[Docket No. FAA–2021–0213; Project Identifier 2018–CE–036–AD]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Pacific Aerospace Limited Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Pacific Aerospace Limited Model 750XL airplanes. This proposed AD results from mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) originated by an aviation authority of another country to identify and correct an unsafe condition on an aviation product. The MCAI identifies the unsafe condition as insufficient separation of ground terminations for individual power sources and static grounds. This proposed AD would require inspecting and separating, if applicable, the battery