(c) Applicability
This AD applies to all General Electric Company (GE) CF6–80E1 turbofan engines with rotating compressor discharge pressure (CDP) seals, part number (P/N) 1669M73P02, installed.

(d) Unsafe Condition
This AD was prompted by reports from the manufacturer of cracks in the teeth of two rotating CDP seals found during engine shop visits. We are issuing this AD to prevent cracking of the CDP seal teeth, which can lead to uncontained part release, damage to the engine, and damage to the airplane.

(e) Compliance
(1) Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.
(2) After the effective date of this AD, strip, inspect, and recoat the teeth of the rotating CDP seal, P/N 1669M73P02, in accordance with paragraph 3.C.(2) of GE Service Bulletin (SB) No. CF6–80E1 S/B 72–0529, Revision 1, dated August 21, 2015, as follows:
   (i) For engines that have had stationary CDP seal, P/N 1347M28G02, repaired or replaced, strip coating, inspect, and recoat the rotating CDP seal at the next engine shop visit.
   (ii) For engines that have not had stationary CDP seal, P/N 1347M28G02, repaired or replaced, strip coating, inspect, and recoat the rotating CDP seal at the next part exposure.

(f) Definitions
(1) For the purpose of this AD, part exposure is defined as removal of the compressor rear frame from the high-pressure compressor module.
(2) For the purpose of this AD, an engine shop visit is defined as the induction of an engine into the shop for maintenance involving the separation of pairs of major mating engine flanges, except that the separation of engine flanges solely for the purposes of transportation without subsequent engine maintenance does not constitute an engine shop visit.

(g) Credit for Previous Action
If you stripped, inspected, and recoated the CDP seal, P/N 1669M73P02, using the procedures in ESM 72–31–10, REPAIR 002 of the GE CBW–80E1 (GK99376) Engine Manual, Revision 42, dated March 15, 2014, or earlier versions, then you met the requirements of this AD.

(h) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)
The Manager, Engine Certification Office, FAA, may approve AMOCs to this AD. Use the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19 to make your request. You may email your request to: ANE-AD-AMOCs@faa.gov.

(i) Related Information
(2) GE CBW No. CF6–80E1 S/B 72–0529, Revision 1, dated August 21, 2015 can be obtained from GE using the contact information in paragraph (i)(3) of this proposed AD.
(3) For service information identified in this proposed AD, contact General Electric Company, GE Aviation, Room 285, 1 Neumann Way, Cincinnati, OH 45215; phone: 513–552–3272; email: aviation.fleetsupport@ge.com.
(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Engine & Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 781–238–7125.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on November 4, 2015.
Carlos A. Pestana,
Acting Directorate Manager, Engine & Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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We will post all comments we receive, without change, to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact we receive about this proposed AD.

Discussion

Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), which is the aviation authority for Canada, has issued Canadian Airworthiness Directive CF–2015–17, effective July 16, 2015 (referred to after this as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition for certain Bombardier, Inc. Model CL–600–2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 & 440) airplanes. The MCAI states:

It was discovered that a number [of angle of attack] AOA transducers installed on Bombardier CL–600–2B19 aeroplanes were incorrectly calibrated due to a quality control problem at both the production and repair facilities. Incorrect calibration of the AOA transducer could result in a late activation of the stick pusher.

This [Canadian] AD mandates the replacement of the incorrectly calibrated AOA transducer.


Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

Bombardier, Inc. has issued Bombardier Service Bulletin 601R–27–164, dated March 30, 2015. The service information describes procedures for replacement of incorrectly calibrated AOA transducers with correctly calibrated AOA transducers. 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 of this NPRM.

FAA’s Determination and Requirements of This Proposed AD

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country, and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with the State of Design Authority, we have been notified of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all pertinent information and determined an unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this proposed AD affects 575 airplanes of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it would take about 4 work-hours per product to comply with the basic requirements of this proposed AD. The average labor rate is $85 per work-hour. Required parts would cost about $10,000 per product. Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of this proposed AD on U.S. operators to be $5,945,500, or $10,340 per product.

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA’s authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator, “Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs,” describes in more detail the scope of the Agency’s authority.

We are issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in “Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: General requirements.” Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

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

For the reasons discussed above, I certify this proposed regulation:
1. Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866;
2. Is not a “significant rule” under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (49 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.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):


(a) Comments Due Date

We must receive comments by January 4, 2016.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Bombardier, Inc. Model CL–600–2B19 (Regional Jet Series 100 & 440) airplanes, certificated in any category, serial numbers 7003 through 7067 inclusive, 7069 through 7990 inclusive, and 8000 through 8999 inclusive.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 27, Flight Controls.

(e) Reason

This AD was prompted by the discovery of a number of incorrectly calibrated angle of attack (AOA) transducers installed in the stall protection system.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Replacement


(h) Parts Installation Prohibition

As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install, on any airplane, an AOA transducer having a part number or serial number listed in paragraph 1.A. “Effectivity,” of Bombardier Service Bulletin 601R–27–164, dated March 30, 2015.

(i) Other FAA AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

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(1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, New York Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), ANE–170, 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 ACO, send it to ATTN: Program Manager, Continuing Operational Safety, FAA, New York ACO, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7300; fax 516–794–5531.

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) Contacting the Manufacturer: 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, New York ACO, ANE–170, Engine and Propeller Directorate, FAA; or Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA); or Bombardier, Inc.’s TCCA Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO, the approval must include the DAO–authorized signature.

(j) Related Information


(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Bombardier, Inc., 400 Côte–Vertu Road West, Dorval, Quebec, H4S 1Y9, Canada; telephone 514–855–5000; fax 514–855–7401; email thd.crj@airbomardier.com; Internet http://www.bombardier.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 November 5, 2015.

Dionne Palermo,
Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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