number of start-stop stress cycles for the fan blade retention system. The life evaluation must include the combined effects of high-cycle and low-cycle fatigue. If the operating limitation is less than 100,000 cycles, that limitation must be specified in Chapter 5 of the Engine Manual Airworthiness Limitation Section. The procedure used to establish the maximum allowable number of start-stop stress cycles for the fan blade retention system will incorporate the integrity requirements in paragraphs (c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(3) of these special conditions for the fan blade retention system.

(1) An engineering plan, which establishes and maintains that the combinations of loads, material properties, environmental influences, and operating conditions, including the effects of parts influencing these parameters, are well known or predictable through validated analysis, test, or service experience.

(2) A manufacturing plan that identifies the specific manufacturing constraints necessary to consistently produce the fan blade retention system with the attributes required by the engineering plan.

(3) A service management plan that defines in-service processes for maintenance and repair of the fan blade retention system, which will maintain attributes consistent with those required by the engineering plan.

(d) Substantiate by test and analysis, or other methods acceptable to the FAA, that the blade design below the inner annulus flow path line provides multiple load paths and/or crack arresting features that prevent delamination or crack propagation to blade failure during the life of the blade.

(e) Substantiate that during the service life of the engine, the total probability of an individual blade retention system failure resulting from all possible causes, as defined in § 33.75, will be extremely improbable with a cumulative calculated probability of failure of less than 10E–9 per engine flight hour.

(f) Substantiate by test or analysis that not only will the engine continue to meet the requirements of § 33.75 following a lightning strike on the composite fan blade structure, but that the lightning strike will not cause damage to the fan blades that would prevent continued safe operation of the affected engine.

(g) Account for the effects of in-service deterioration, manufacturing variations, minimum material properties, and environmental effects during the tests and analyses required

by paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of these special conditions.

(h) Propose fleet leader monitoring and field sampling programs that will monitor the effects of engine fan blade usage and fan blade retention system integrity.

(i) Mark each fan blade legibly and permanently with a part number and a serial number.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on October 30, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; REIMS AVIATION S.A. Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for REIMS AVIATION S.A. Model F406 airplanes. This AD revises AD 2015–16–07, which required inspection of the left-hand and right-hand rudder control pedal torque tubes, and, depending on findings, replacement with a serviceable part. This AD retains the actions of AD 2015–16–07 and adds additional acceptable serviceable replacement parts. The AD was prompted by reports of detachment of the pilot’s rudder control pedal in flight. We are issuing this AD to require actions to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective December 28, 2015.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain other publication listed in this AD as of August 18, 2015 (80 FR 49127).

We must receive comments on this AD by January 4, 2016.

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 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this AD, contact ASI Aviation, Aérodrome de Reims Prunay, 51360 Prunay, FRANCE; telephone: +33 3 26 48 46 65; fax: +33 3 26 49 18 57; email: none; Internet: http://asi-aviation.fr/asi-aviation-support/1.html (requires user name and password). You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (816) 329–4148. It is also available on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov by searching for locating Docket No. FAA–2015–3398.

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–2015–3398; 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 AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Office (telephone (800) 647–5527) is in the ADDRESSES section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Albert J. Mercado, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329–4119; fax: (816) 329–4090; email: albert.mercado@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

On August 6, 2015, we issued AD 2015–16–07, Amendment 39–18232 (80 FR 49127, August 17, 2015). That AD required actions intended to address an unsafe condition on REIMS AVIATION S.A. Model F406 airplanes and was based on mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) originated by an aviation authority of another country.

Since we issued AD 2015–16–07, Amendment 39–18232 (80 FR 49127,
August 17, 2015), we received a comment from Hageland Aviation Services, Inc. requesting that we expand what is allowable to use as a replacement part for the rudder control pedal torque tube as defined in paragraph (f)(4) of AD 2015–16–07. The commenter requested that we include a brand new rudder control pedal that has never been installed on an airplane because it would have been inspected during manufacturing. In addition, EASA revised AD 2015–0159–E (2015–0159R1) to incorporate the above change.

We agreed with the commenter and have revised this AD to add “a new rudder control pedal that has never been installed on an airplane” to the definition of serviceable part.

Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

ASI AVIATION has issued Service Bulletin No.: F406–104, dated July 28, 2015. The actions described in this service information are intended to correct the unsafe condition identified in the MCAI. The service information describes procedures for inspection of the left-hand and right-hand rudder control pedal torque tubes, and, depending on findings, replacement with a serviceable part. 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 AD.

FAA’s Determination and Requirements of the 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 this State of Design Authority, they have notified us of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We are issuing this AD because we evaluated all information provided by the State of Design Authority and determined the unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

FAA’s Determination of the Effective Date

An unsafe condition exists that allows for the immediate adoption of this AD. The FAA has found there is justification to waive notice and comment prior to adoption of this rule because it only changes the definition of a serviceable part to give the option of installing a new part without inspecting it since it already has been inspected at manufacture. Therefore, we determine that notice and opportunity for public comment before issuing this AD are unnecessary.

Comments Invited

This AD is a final rule that involves requirements affecting flight safety, and we did not precede it by notice and opportunity for public comment. We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the ADDRESSES section. Include “Docket No. FAA–2014–1123; Directorate Identifies 2014–CE–037– AD” at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this AD because of those comments.

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

Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this AD will affect 7 products of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it will take about 5 work-hours per product to comply with the basic requirements of this AD. The average labor rate is $85 per work-hour. Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of this AD on U.S. operators to be $2,975, or $425 per product.

In addition, we estimate that any necessary follow-on actions will take about 20 work-hours and require parts costing $10,000, for a cost of $11,700 per product. 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 determining the number of products identified in this rulemaking.

Regulatory Findings

We determined that this AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD will 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 this AD:

(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.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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) 2015–16–07 (80 FR 49127, August 17, 2015) and adding the following new AD:


(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) becomes effective December 28, 2015.

(b) Affected ADs

This AD applies to Reims Aviation S.A. Model F406 airplanes, serial numbers 0001 through 0098, certified in any category.


This AD was prompted by 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 describes the unsafe condition as detachment of the pilot’s rudder control pedal in flight. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct cracking of the rudder control pedal which, if not corrected, could result in detachment of the pedal with possible loss of airplane directional control.

Unless already done, do the actions in paragraphs (f)(1) through (f)(4) of this AD.

Before further flight after August 18, 2015 (the effective date retained from AD 2015–16–07), do a visual inspection and a dye or fluorescent penetrant inspection of the rudder control pedal torque tubes, LH (Part Number P/N 5115260–1) and RH (P/N 5115260–2), following the instructions of PART A of ASI AVIATION Service Bulletin No.: F406–104, dated July 28, 2015.

If no crack is detected during the inspection required by paragraph (f)(1) of this AD, within 100 hours time-in-service (TIS) after August 18, 2015 (the effective date retained from AD 2015–16–07), do a magnetic particle inspection of the rudder control pedal torque tubes, LH (P/N 5115260–1) and RH (P/N 5115260–2), following the instructions of PART B of ASI AVIATION Service Bulletin No.: F406–104, dated July 28, 2015.

If any crack is detected on a rudder control pedal torque tube during the inspection required by paragraph (f)(1) or (f)(2) of this AD, before further flight, replace the affected part with a serviceable part following the instructions of ASI AVIATION Service Bulletin No.: F406–104, dated July 28, 2015.

For the purpose of this AD, a serviceable part is:

(i) A rudder control pedal torque tube (LH P/N 5115260–1 or RH P/N 5115260–2) that has had a magnetic particle inspection following the instructions of PART B of ASI AVIATION Service Bulletin No.: F406–104, dated July 28, 2015, and no cracks were found; or

(ii) A new rudder control pedal torque tube (LH P/N 5115260–1 or RH P/N 5115260–2) that has never been installed on an airplane.

You may install a rudder control pedal torque tube P/N 5115260–1 (LH) or P/N 5115260–2 (RH) on an airplane, provided it is a serviceable part.

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.

Reporting Requirements: For any reporting requirement in this AD, a federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number for this information collection is 2120–0056. Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be approximately 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, completing and reviewing the collection of information. All responses to this collection of information are mandatory. Comments concerning the accuracy of this burden and suggestions for reducing the burden should be directed to the FAA at: 800 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20591, Attn: Information Collection Clearance Officer, AES–200.

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.

We are superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2011–09–04 for all Lockheed Martin Corporation/Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company airplanes.

This AD is effective December 4918 57; email: none; Internet: http://aviation.fr/aviation-support/1.html (requires user name and password).

You may view this service information at the FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (816) 329–4498. It is also available on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov by searching for locating Docket No. FAA–2015–3398.

You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202–741–6030, or go to: http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 6, 2015.

Melvin Johnson, Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

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

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: We are superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2011–09–04 for all Lockheed Martin Corporation/ Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company Model 382, 382B, 382E, 382F, and 382G airplanes. AD 2011–09–04 required repetitive inspections for damage to the lower surface of the center wing box (CWB), and corrective actions if necessary. This new AD adds related investigative actions, and corrective actions if necessary. AD 2011–09–04 was prompted by an evaluation by the design approval holder (DAH) that indicated that the CWB is subject to widespread fatigue damage (WFD). We are issuing this AD to detect and correct fatigue cracking of the lower surface of the CWB, which could result in structural failure of the wings.

DATES: This AD is effective December 24, 2015.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of