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 (AD):


(a) Comments Due Date

We must receive comments by July 20, 2017.

(b) Affected Airplanes

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to all The Boeing Company Model 737–100, –200, –200C, –300, –400, and –500 series airplanes, certificated in any category.

(d) Subject

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

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reports of cracking in the upper aft skin at the rear spar of the wings. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct cracks in the upper aft skin of the wings, which could result in the inability of a principal structural element to sustain limit load, and consequent reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) For Group 1 Airplanes: Inspections

For airplanes identified as Group 1 in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–57A1329, dated January 16, 2017: Within 120 days after the effective date of this AD, do an inspection for cracking of the upper aft skin of the wings, using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (j) of this AD.

(h) For Groups 2 and 3 Airplanes: Repetitive Inspections and Repair

For Groups 2 and 3 airplanes identified in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–57A1329, dated January 16, 2017: At the applicable time specified in paragraph 1.E., “Compliance,” of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–57A1329, dated January 16, 2017, except as required by paragraph (i) of this AD, do the applicable inspection for cracking of the upper aft skin of the wings from wing buttock line (WBL) 159 to WBL 220, in accordance with the Work Instructions of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–57A1329, dated January 16, 2017. If any cracking is found, repair before further flight, in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (j) of this AD. Repeat the inspection thereafter at the applicable time specified in paragraph 1.E. “Compliance,” of Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–57A1329, dated January 16, 2017.

(i) Exceptions to the Service Information

(1) Where Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–57A1329, dated January 16, 2017, specifies a compliance time “after the original issue date of this service bulletin,” paragraph (h) of this AD requires compliance within the specified compliance time after the effective date of this AD.

(2) Although Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737–57A1329, dated January 16, 2017, specifies to contact Boeing for repair instructions, and specifies that action as “RC” [Required for Compliance], this AD requires repair in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (j) of this AD.

(j) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, Los Angeles 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 Inspector, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the ACO, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-ANM-LAACO-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, Los Angeles 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) Except as required by paragraph (j)(2) of this AD: For service information that contains steps that are labeled as Required for Compliance (RC), the provisions of paragraphs (jj)(4)(ii) and (jj)(4)(iii) of this AD apply.

(i) The steps labeled as RC, including substeps under an RC step and any figures identified in an RC step, must be done to comply with the AD. If a step or substep is labeled “RC Exempt,” then the RC requirement is removed from that step or substep. An AMOC is required for any deviations to RC steps, including substeps and identified figures.

(ii) Steps labeled 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 RC steps, including substeps and identified figures, can still be done as specified, and the airplane can be put back in an airworthy condition.

(k) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Payman Soltani, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM–120L, FAA, Los Angeles ACO, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, CA 90712–4137; phone: 562–627–5313; fax: 562–627–5210; email: payman.soltani@faa.gov.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airlines, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminster Blvd., MC 110–SK37, Seal Beach, CA 90740; telephone 562–797–1717; 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.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on May 23, 2017.

Michael Kaszyczki,
Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc., 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 Bombardier, Inc., Model CL–600–2B16 (CL–604 Variant) airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by reports of in-service incidents regarding the loss of all air data system information provided to the flightcrew. This proposed AD would require revising the airplane flight manual to provide “Unreliable Airspeed” procedures to the flightcrew to stabilize the airplane’s airspeed and attitude for continued safe flight and landing. We are proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by July 20, 2017.

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.
• 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 Bombardier, Inc., 400 Côte-Vertu Road West, Dorval, Québec H4S 1Y9, Canada; telephone: 514–855–5000; fax: 514–855–7401; email: tbd.crf@aero.bombardier.com; Internet: http://www.bombardier.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.

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–2017–0528; 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 Operations 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:

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–2017–0528; Directorate Identifier 2017–NM–028–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
Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), which is the aviation authority for Canada, has issued Canadian Airworthiness Directive CF–2017–01, dated January 6, 2017 (referred to after this as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition for certain Bombardier, Inc., Model CL–600–2B16 (CL–604 Variant) airplanes. The MCAI states:

A number of in-service incidents have been reported on CL–600–2C10 aeroplanes regarding a loss of all air data information provided to the crew. The air data information was recovered as the aeroplane descended to lower altitudes. An investigation determined that the root cause in both events was high altitude icing (ice crystal contamination). If not recognized and addressed, this condition may affect continued safe flight and landing. Due to similarities in the air data systems, similar events could happen on Bombardier Inc. CL–600–2B16 aeroplanes. [Canadian] AD mandates the incorporation of Aircraft Flight Manual (AFM) procedures to guide the crew to stabilize the aeroplanes airspeed and altitude for continued safe flight and landing.


Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51
Bombardier, Inc., has issued Unreliable Airspeed, of Section 03–15, Instruments System, of Chapter 3, Emergency Procedures, to the following AFMs:
• Bombardier Challenger 604 AFM, PSP 604–1, Revision 103, dated November 28, 2016.
• Bombardier Challenger 605 AFM, PSP 605–1, Revision 41, dated November 28, 2016.
• Bombardier Challenger 650 AFM, PSP 650–1, Revision 6, dated November 28, 2016.

This service information provides revisions to the Emergency Procedures section of the AFM to incorporate a procedure for “Unreliable Airspeed.” These documents are distinct since they apply to different airplane configurations. Similar events could happen on Bombardier Inc. CL–604 Variant airplanes. The MCAI states:

A number of in-service incidents have been reported on CL–600–2C10 aeroplanes regarding a loss of all air data information provided to the crew. The air data information was recovered as the aeroplane descended to lower altitudes. An investigation determined that the root cause in both events was high altitude icing (ice crystal contamination). If not recognized and addressed, this condition may affect continued safe flight and landing. Due to similarities in the air data systems, similar events could happen on Bombardier Inc. CL–600–2B16 aeroplanes. [Canadian] AD mandates the incorporation of Aircraft Flight Manual (AFM) procedures to guide the crew to stabilize the aeroplanes airspeed and altitude for continued safe flight and landing.


Costs of Compliance
We estimate that this proposed AD affects 128 airplanes of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it would take about 1 work-hour per product to comply with the basic requirements of this proposed AD. The average labor rate is $85 per work-hour. Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of this proposed AD on U.S. operators to be $10,880, or $85 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 (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
§ 39.13 [Amended]
■ 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 (AD):

(a) Comments Due Date
We must receive comments by July 20, 2017.

(b) Affected ADs
None.

(c) Applicability
This AD applies to Bombardier, Inc., Model CL–600–2B16 (CL–604 Variant) airplanes, certificated in any category, serial numbers 5301 through 5565 inclusive; Bombardier Challenger 604 AFM, PSP 604–1, Revision 103, dated November 28, 2016.

(g) Revision of the Airplane Flight Manual (AFM)
Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD: Revise the Emergency Procedures section of the AFM to include the information in Unreliable Airspeed, of Section 03–15, Instruments System, of Chapter 3, Emergency Procedures, of the applicable AFM specified in paragraph (g)(1), (g)(2), or (g)(3) of this AD. These revisions incorporate a procedure for “Unreliable Airspeed.” Thereafter, operate the airplane according to the limitation and procedure in the applicable revision.

(1) For airplanes having serial numbers 5301 through 5565 inclusive: Bombardier Challenger 604 AFM, PSP 604–1, Revision 103, dated November 28, 2016.

(2) For airplanes having serial numbers 5701 through 5988 inclusive (Marketing Designation—Challenger 605): Bombardier Challenger 605 AFM, PSP 605–1, Revision 41, dated November 28, 2016.

(3) For airplanes having serial numbers 6050 through 6080 inclusive (Marketing Designation—Challenger 650): Bombardier Challenger 650 AFM, PSP 650–1, Revision 6, dated November 28, 2016.

(h) Other FAA AD Provisions
The following provisions also apply to this AD:
(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 manager of the New York ACO, send it to: ATTN: the Program Manager, Continuing Operational Safety, New York ACO, FAA, 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.

(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, FAA; or Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA); or Bombardier, Inc.’s TCDA Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO, the approval must include the DAO-authorized signature.

(i) Related Information

(2) For more information about this AD, contact Assata Dessaline, Aerospace Engineer, Avionics and Services Branch, ANE–172, FAA, New York Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7301; fax 516–794–5531.

(3) 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.crr@ aero.bombardier.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 May 23, 2017.

Michael Kaszynski,
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; Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation (Sikorsky) Model S–76A, S–76B, S–76C, and S–76D helicopters. This proposed AD would require inspecting the main rotor (M/R) servo pushrod (pushrod) assembly and applying slippage marks. This proposed AD is prompted by an accident of a Sikorsky Model S–76C helicopter caused by a failed pushrod assembly. The proposed actions are intended to prevent an unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by August 4, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments by any of the following methods:
• Federal eRulemaking Docket: Go to http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.
• Fax: 202–493–2251.
• Mail: Send comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590–0001.