requirements. Ultramagic’s change application applied the language in the EASA proposed special condition for CS 31HA.14(c), “Occupant mass,” CS 31HA.43(d), “Fitting factor,” CS 31HA.561(a) and (b)(1), “Emergency landing conditions—General,” and CS 31HA.785(a), (c), and (d), “Seats and seat belts” to the CV–08 basket. The FAA finds that these standards are appropriate for a seated, restrained occupant.

Applicability


Conclusion

This action affects only certain novel or unusual design features on the balloon models specified in these special conditions. It is not a rule of general applicability and it affects only the applicant who applied to the FAA for approval of these features on the airplane. These proposed special conditions are identical in intent to the EASA special conditions, although the formatting has been altered to meet these special condition requirements.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 23

Aircraft, Aviation safety.

The authority citation for these special conditions is as follows:

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701–44702, 44704.

The Proposed Special Conditions


1. Hot Air Balloon Crashworthiness Requirements for Seat Installations and Restraints for Seated and Restrained Occupants

a. Occupant Mass

For calculation purposes, it should be assumed the mass of an occupant is at least 86 kilograms (190 pounds).

b. Seats, Safety Belts, and Harnesses Factor of Safety

For each seat, safety belt, and harness, its attachment to the structure must be shown, by analysis, tests, or both, to be able to withstand the inertia forces prescribed in paragraph (c) of these special conditions multiplied by a fitting factor of 1.33.

c. Emergency Landing Conditions—General

The balloon—although it may be damaged under emergency landing conditions—must be designed to give each occupant every reasonable chance of avoiding serious injury in a crash landing—when seat belts provided for in the design are properly used—and the occupant is subject to the following ultimate inertia forces acting relative to the surrounding structure as well as independently of each other.

(1) Forward 6g
(2) Sideways 6g
(3) Downward 6g

d. Seats and Seatbelts

(1) Each seat and its supporting structure must be designed for an occupant mass in accordance paragraph (a) of these special conditions and for the maximum load factors corresponding to the specified flight and ground load conditions, including the emergency landing conditions prescribed in paragraph (c) of these special conditions.

(2) Each seat or berth shall be fitted with an individual approved seat belt or harness.

(3) Seat belts installed on the balloon must not fail under flight or ground load conditions or emergency landing conditions in accordance with paragraph (c) of these special conditions, taking into account the geometrical arrangement of the belt attachment and the seat.

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Pat Mullen.
Manager, Small Airplane Standards Branch, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: We propose to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2017–07–04, which applies to General Electric Company (GE) GE90–110B1 and GE90–115B turbofan engines with certain high-pressure compressor (HPC) rotor stage 2–5 spools installed. AD 2017–07–04 resulted from reports of cracks in HPC rotor stage 2–5 spool aft spacer arms. Since we issued AD 2017–07–04, GE released a new service bulletin (SB) that increases the number of affected HPC rotor stage 2–5 spools.

Additionally, we learned that we inadvertently omitted certain HPC rotor stage 2–5 spools from the applicability of AD 2017–07–04. This proposed AD would require removing certain HPC rotor stage 2–5 spools from service before reaching the new reduced life limit and replacing them with parts eligible for installation. We are proposing this AD to correct the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by August 9, 2018.

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 General Electric Company, One Neumann Way, Room 285, Cincinnati, OH; phone: 513–552–3272; email: geae.aoc@ge.com. You may view this service information at the FAA, Engine and Propeller Standards Branch, 1200 District Avenue,
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.

This AD is issued in accordance with authority delegated by the Executive Director, Aircraft Certification Service, as authorized by FAA Order 8000.51C.

In accordance with that order, issuance of ADs is normally a function of the Compliance and Airworthiness Division, but during this transition period, the Executive Director has delegated the authority to issue ADs applicable to engines, propellers, and associated appliances to the Manager, Engine and Propeller Standards Branch, Policy and Innovation Division.

Regulatory Findings

We have determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act.
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

§ 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 removing Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2017–07–04, Amendment 39–18842 (82 FR 16728, April 6, 2017), and adding the following new AD:


(a) Comments Due Date
The FAA must receive comments on this AD action by August 9, 2018.

(b) Affected ADs

(c) Applicability
This AD applies to General Electric Company (GE) GE90–110B1 and GE90–115B turbofan engines with HPC rotor stage 2–5 spools, with:
(2) A part number (P/N) 351–103–109–0, P/N 351–103–110–0, P/N 351–103–147–0 or P/N 351–103–152–0, with any serial number.

(d) Subject
Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 7230, Turbine Engine Compressor Section.

(e) Unsafe Condition
This AD was prompted by reports of cracks in HPC rotor stage 2–5 spool aft spacer arms. We are issuing this AD to prevent failure of the HPC rotor stage 2–5 spools. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in uncontained spool release, damage to the engine, and damage to the airplane.

(f) Compliance
Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Required Actions
(1) Remove from service HPC rotor stage 2–5 spools with serial numbers listed in paragraph 4, Appendix A, of GE SB GE90–100 SB 72–0659 R01, dated February 18, 2016, or in paragraph 4, Appendix A, of GE SB GE90–100 SB 72–0714 R01, dated February 16, 2018.
(2) A part number (P/N) 351–103–109–0, P/N 351–103–110–0, P/N 351–103–147–0 or P/N 351–103–152–0, with any serial number.

(h) Installation Prohibition
(1) After the effective date of this AD, do not install or reinstall onto any engine, any HPC rotor stage 2–5 spool listed in paragraph (c)(2) of this AD, or HPC rotor stage 2–5 spool with a serial number listed in paragraph 4, Appendix A, of GE SB GE90–100 SB 72–0714 R01, dated February 16, 2018, that exceeds 8,200 CSN.

(i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)
(1) The Manager, ECO 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 manager of the certification office, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j)(1) of this AD. You may email your request to: ANE-AD-AMOC@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.

(j) Related Information
(1) For more information about this AD, contact David Bothka, Aerospace Engineer, ECO Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: 781–238–7129; fax: 781–238–7199; email: david.bothka@faa.gov.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact General Electric Company, One Neumann Way, Room 285, Cincinnati, OH; phone: 513–552–3272; email: geae.aoc@ge.com. You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Engine and Propeller Standards Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 781–238–7759.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on June 19, 2018.
Robert J. Ganley,
Manager, Engine and Propeller Standards Branch, Aircraft Certification Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39


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Airworthiness Directives: Airbus Defense and Space S.A. (Formerly Known as Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA)) Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).