

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:

Bell Textron Canada Limited: Docket No. FAA–2026–8796; Project Identifier AD–2026–00018–R.

(a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by October 26, 2026.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to all Bell Textron Canada Limited Model 206L, 206L–1, 206L–3, and 206L–4 helicopters, certificated in any category, with FAA Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) SR02684LA installed.

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 6210, Main Rotor Blades.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by an event where an affected helicopter with FAA STC SR02684LA installed experienced moderate to severe vertical vibration which resulted in damage to the tail boom of the helicopter. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent excessive vibration which may result in structural failure. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in structural damage to the aircraft and loss of control of the helicopter.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Required Actions

(1) Within 30 days after the effective date of this AD revise the existing rotorcraft flight manual (RFM) for the helicopter by accomplishing the following:

- (i) Insert the Van Horn Aviation, L.L.C. Rotorcraft Flight Manual Supplement, Document No. 206L–MR–FMS–101, Revision 0, dated March 25, 2026.
- (ii) In the Limitations section of the RFM, insert the following text with pen and ink: “V_{NE} is 85 KIAS (98 MPH) when Gross Weight is 3400 lb or below, or placarded V_{NE}, whichever is less”.

(2) The owner/operator (pilot) holding at least a private pilot certificate may revise the existing Rotorcraft Flight Manual for the helicopter as required by paragraphs (g)(1)(i) and (ii) and must enter compliance with this requirement into the helicopter maintenance records in accordance with 14 CFR 43.9(a) and 14 CFR 91.417(a)(2)(v). The record must be maintained as required by 14 CFR 91.417, 121.380, or 135.439.

(h) Special Flight Permits

Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with 14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199, provided the flight is restricted to a speed of no greater than 85 KIAS while the Gross Weight is less than 3400 lbs.

(i) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, West Certification 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 West Certification Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j) of this AD and email to: 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) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact James Guo, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, CA 90712; phone: (562) 627–5357; email: WCB-COS@faa.gov.

(k) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) Van Horn Aviation, L.L.C. Rotorcraft Flight Manual Supplement, Document No. 206L–MR–FMS–101, Revision 0, dated March 25, 2026.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For Van Horn Aviation, L.L.C. material identified in this AD contact Van Horn Aviation, LLC, 1510 West Drake Drive, Tempe, AZ 85283; phone: (480) 483–4202; email: info@vanhornaviation.com.

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222–5110.

(5) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

Issued on September 4, 2026.

Christopher R. Parker,

Acting Deputy Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2026–8801; Project Identifier MCAI–2025–01495–T]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Aviation 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 all Dassault Aviation Model FALCON 7X, MYSTERE–FALCON 900, FALCON 900EX, FALCON 2000, and FALCON 2000EX airplanes. This proposed AD was prompted by reported occurrences of seats sliding without passenger input. The cabin seat track locking mechanism was found to jam in isolated conditions during taxi, take-off, and landing (TTOL). This proposed AD would require modifying or replacing each affected seat. This proposed AD would also prohibit the installation of affected

seats. 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 October 26, 2026.

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 [regulations.gov](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.

AD Docket: You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA–2026–8801; 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, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

Material Incorporated by Reference:

- For European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) material identified in this proposed AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email ADs@easa.europa.eu. You may find this material on the EASA website at ad.easa.europa.eu. It is also available at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA–2026–8801.

- You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Buitrago Perez, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 516–288–7368; email: 9-AVS-AIR-BACO-COS@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 using a method listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include “Docket No. FAA–2026–8801; Project Identifier MCAI–2025–01495–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 [regulations.gov](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 Brenda Buitrago Perez, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 516–288–7368; email: 9-AVS-AIR-BACO-COS@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

EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2025–0200, dated September 17, 2025; corrected September 30, 2025 (EASA AD 2025–0200) (also referred to as the MCAI), to correct an unsafe condition for all Dassault Aviation Model FALCON 7X, MYSTERE–FALCON 900, FALCON 900EX, FALCON 2000, and FALCON 2000EX airplanes. The MCAI states that occurrences were reported of seats sliding without passenger input. The cabin seat track locking mechanism was found to jam in isolated conditions during TTOL. If not corrected, this condition could lead to failure of the affected seat to remain in its position

during critical phases of flight, possibly resulting in injury to passengers.

The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA–2026–8801.

Material Incorporated by Reference Under 1 CFR Part 51

EASA AD 2025–0200 specifies procedures for modifying each affected seat (any single seat assembly and any double seat assembly having part numbers and serial numbers listed in Table 1 or Table 2 of Appendix 1 of EASA AD 2025–0200). EASA AD 2025–0200 allows replacing each affected seat with a serviceable seat in lieu of modifying the seat. EASA also prohibits the installation of affected seats.

This material 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.

FAA’s Determination

These products have been approved by the civil aviation authority of another country and are approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA’s bilateral agreement with this State of Design Authority, that authority has notified the FAA of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI referenced above. The FAA is issuing this NPRM after determining that the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop in other products of the same type design.

Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM

This proposed AD would require accomplishing the actions specified in EASA AD 2025–0200 described previously, except for any differences identified as exceptions in the regulatory text of this proposed AD.

Explanation of Required Compliance Information

In the FAA’s ongoing efforts to improve the efficiency of the AD process, the FAA developed a process to use some civil aviation authority (CAA) ADs as the primary source of information for compliance with requirements for corresponding FAA ADs. The FAA has been coordinating this process with manufacturers and CAAs. As a result, the FAA proposes to incorporate EASA AD 2025–0200 by reference in the FAA final rule. This proposed AD would, therefore, require compliance with EASA AD 2025–0200 in its entirety through that

incorporation, except for any differences identified as exceptions in the regulatory text of this proposed AD. Using common terms that are the same as the heading of a particular section in EASA AD 2025–0200 does not mean that operators need comply only with that section. For example, where the AD requirement refers to “all required

actions and compliance times,” compliance with this AD requirement is not limited to the section titled “Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s)” in EASA AD 2025–0200. Material required by EASA AD 2025–0200 for compliance will be available at *regulations.gov* under Docket No. FAA–

2026–8801 after the FAA final rule is published.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 22 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Up to 2 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$170	Up to \$9,432	Up to \$9,602 (per seat assembly)	Up to \$945,797.*

* There are 125 single seat assemblies at \$4,801 and 36 double seat assemblies at \$9,602 affected.

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:

Dassault Aviation: Docket No. FAA–2026–8801; Project Identifier MCAI–2025–01495–T.

(a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by October 26, 2026.

(b) Affected ADs

None.

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to all Dassault Aviation Model FALCON 7X, MYSTERE–FALCON 900, FALCON 900EX, FALCON 2000, and FALCON 2000EX airplanes.

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 25, Equipment/furnishings.

(e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by reported occurrences of seats sliding without

passenger input. The cabin seat track locking mechanism was found to jam in isolated conditions during taxi, take-off, and landing. The FAA is issuing this AD to address seats sliding without passenger input. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could lead to failure of the affected seat to remain in its position during critical phases of flight, resulting in possible injury to passengers.

(f) Compliance

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

(g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2025–0200, dated September 17, 2025; corrected September 30, 2025 (EASA AD 2025–0200).

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2025–0200

(1) Where EASA AD 2025–0200 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) Where EASA AD 2025–0200 defines the SB as “Dassault Service Bulletin (SB) SB 7X–556 Revision (Rev.) 1 or SB F2000EX–497 Rev. 1, as applicable”, this AD requires replacing that text with “Dassault Aviation Service Bulletin 7X–556, dated December 5, 2023, or Revision (Rev.) 1, dated July 3, 2024, or Rev. 2, dated July 25, 2025; or Dassault Aviation Service Bulletin F2000EX–497, dated December 5, 2023, or Rev. 1, dated July 3, 2024, or Rev. 2, dated July 25, 2025; as applicable”.

(3) Where EASA AD 2025–0200 defines serviceable seat as “Any single seat assembly P/N 3ABF0107() and double seat assembly P/N 3ABF0207(), which is not an affected part”, this AD requires replacing that text with “Any single seat assembly P/N 3ABF0107() and double seat assembly P/N 3ABF0207(), which is not an affected seat”.

(4) This AD does not adopt the “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2025–0200.

(i) No Reporting Requirement

Although the material referenced in EASA AD 2025–0200 specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include that requirement.

(j) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: The Manager, 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 responsible Flight Standards Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (k) of this AD and email to: AMOC@faa.gov. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards 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, International Validation Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Dassault Aviation's EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(k) Additional Information

For more information about this AD, contact Brenda Buitrago Perez, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 516-288-7368; email: 9-AVS-AIR-BACO-COS@faa.gov.

(l) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of the material listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this material as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2025-0200, dated September 17, 2025; corrected September 30, 2025.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA material identified in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email ADs@easa.europa.eu. You may find this material on the EASA website at ad.easa.europa.eu.

(4) You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

(5) You may view this material at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, visit www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations or email fr.inspection@nara.gov.

Issued on September 8, 2026.

Paul R. Bernado,

Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Census Bureau****15 CFR Parts 60 and 70**

[Docket No. 260903-0005]

RIN 0607-AA75

Decennial Census of the Population of Americans; Proposed Residence Criteria and Proposed Regulations for Demographic Questions

AGENCY: Census Bureau, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Census Bureau is proposing to add two new parts to the Code of Federal Regulations governing the decennial census of population and housing. First, the Census Bureau is proposing to add a part outlining the residence criteria used for identifying each person's "usual residence," as needed to determine whether and where to count them in the census of the population throughout the United States. Second, the Census Bureau is proposing to add a part establishing standards and restrictions for the inclusion of certain demographic questions on the decennial census short-form questionnaire and any other questionnaire used for the enumeration of the population. The Census Bureau is considering these two additions to better prioritize and fulfill its Constitutional mandate to count for apportionment the "whole number of persons in each State" based on the concept of "usual residence"—a process that factors in an element of allegiance but otherwise should be colorblind and should not be distorted in any way by questions about immaterial personal characteristics, such as race. Although these two parts are somewhat related and complementary, each is being proposed independently based on its own merits. These proposals are intended to ensure fidelity to the Constitution, improve and protect the core decennial census data, and promote efficiency.

DATES: To ensure consideration during the decision-making process, comments must be received by October 13, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by FDMS Docket number USBC-2026-0628, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and enter USBC-2026-0628 in the Search box.

Click on the "Comment" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to 4600 Silver Hill Road, Designation: ADDEMO/FRN, Washington, DC 20746.

- **Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by Census. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be posted and publicly accessible. Census will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). However, comments containing offensive or threatening language will not be posted.

Electronic copies of the Regulatory Impact Analysis prepared for this action is available from www.regulations.gov. As required by the Administrative Procedure Act at 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(4), a plain language summary of the proposed rule is also available from www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Sweeney, Deputy General Counsel for Economic, Statistical, and Regulatory Affairs, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, at (301) 996-3533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Proposed Residence Criteria**

For the decennial census, the Census Bureau is committed to counting every person who should be counted *once, only once, and in the right place*. The sole Constitutional purpose of the decennial census is to apportion the seats in the U.S. House of Representatives among the States based on the number of qualifying persons "in each State." U.S. Const. Art. I § 2.¹ Under 13 U.S.C. 141, the Census Bureau is statutorily tasked with tabulating the total population of the States required for this apportionment. To determine the number of persons "in each State," the Census Bureau evaluates each person's "usual residence" as of April 1st of the decennial census year, which is the statutorily-designated date of the decennial census.

The concept of "usual residence" was established by the First Congress in the First Census Act on March 1, 1790. Specifically, section 5 of the First Census Act established that each