

to confirm the propeller blade retention nuts were tightened at the last in-shop maintenance visit to the torque values in paragraph 5 of Hoffmann Propeller Service Bulletin SB057 C, dated February 22, 2022 (Hoffmann Propeller SB057 C).

(6) If, during the records review required by paragraph (g)(5) of this AD, it is determined that the propeller blade retention nuts were not tightened to the torque values in paragraph 5 of Hoffmann Propeller SB057 C, or it cannot be confirmed if the propeller blade retention nuts were tightened to the torque values in paragraph 5 of Hoffmann Propeller SB057 C, perform the following actions:

(i) Within 90 FHs after the effective date of this AD, tighten each propeller blade retention nut to the torque values in paragraph 5 of Hoffmann Propeller SB057 C, using paragraphs 6 and 7 of Hoffmann Propeller Service Bulletin SB059 B, dated February 23, 2022.

(ii) Before the next flight after the effective date of this AD and, thereafter, before each flight until the propeller blade retention nut is tightened to the torque values in paragraph 5 of Hoffmann Propeller SB057 C, as required by paragraph (g)(6)(i) of this AD, confirm that there is no axial play in the blade retention system by inspecting the propeller blade for shake. If any axial play is detected, remove the propeller from service and perform an NDT inspection of the propeller hub using paragraph 2.3 of Hoffmann Propeller SB E53 Rev. D.

(7) If, during any inspection required by paragraph (g)(2), (3), (4) or (6)(ii) of this AD, any crack is detected, replace propeller hub HO-V 72 ( ) ( )-( ) with a part eligible for installation.

#### (h) Definition

For the purpose of this AD, a “part eligible for installation” is a propeller hub HO-V 72 ( ) ( )-( ) with zero hours time since new, or a propeller hub HO-V 72 ( ) ( )-( ) that has passed an NDT inspection using paragraph 2.3 of Hoffmann Propeller SB E53 Rev. D.

#### (i) Non-Required Actions

(1) Sending the propeller to Hoffmann for investigation, as contained in paragraph 2.1 of Hoffmann Propeller SB E53 Rev. D, is not required by this AD.

(2) Reporting propeller hubs with cracks to Hoffmann, as contained in paragraph 2.3 of Hoffmann Propeller SB E53 Rev. D, is not required by this AD.

#### (j) Credit for Previous Actions

(1) You may take credit for the initial visual inspection and NDT inspection of the propeller hub required by paragraphs (g)(2), (3), and (4) of this AD if you performed any of these actions before January 10, 2022 (the effective date of AD 2021-23-17) using Hoffmann Propeller GmbH & Co. KG SB E53, Rev. A, dated October 9, 2020; Rev. B, dated October 14, 2020; or Rev. C, dated December 9, 2020.

(2) You may take credit for the records review to confirm the propeller blade retention nuts were tightened to the torque values as required by paragraph (g)(5) of this AD, and the tightening of each propeller

blade retention nut as required by paragraph (g)(6)(i) of this AD if you performed any of these actions before the effective date of this AD during the last in-shop maintenance visit using Hoffmann Propeller Service Bulletin SB057 B, dated February 8, 2022; Hoffmann Propeller Service Bulletin SB059 A, dated February 11, 2022; or Hoffmann Propeller Service Bulletin SB059 B, dated February 23, 2022.

#### (k) Special Flight Permit

A special flight permit may be issued in accordance with 14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199 to operate the airplane to a service facility to perform the NDT inspection. Special flight permits are prohibited to perform the visual inspection of the propeller hub.

#### (l) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, Boston ACO 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 (m)(1) of this AD.

(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.

#### (m) Related Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Michael Schwetz, Aviation Safety Engineer, Boston ACO Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: (781) 238-7761; email: 9-AVS-AIR-BACO-COS@faa.gov.

(2) Refer to European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2022-0061, dated April 4, 2022, for more information. You may examine the EASA AD in the AD docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by searching for and locating it in Docket No. FAA-2022-0980.

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact Hoffmann GmbH & Co. KG, K pferlingstrasse 9, 83022, Rosenheim, Germany; phone: +49 0 8031 1878 0; email: [info@hoffmann-prop.com](mailto:info@hoffmann-prop.com); website: <https://hoffmann-prop.com>. You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2022-0977; Project Identifier AD-2022-00419-E]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Turbofan Engines

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain General Electric Company (GE) CF34-8C and CF34-8E model turbofan engines. This proposed AD was prompted by a report of a crack found on the low-pressure turbine (LPT) stage 5 disk at the forward arm area. This proposed AD would require the removal of the affected LPT stage 5 disk and replacement with a part eligible for installation. 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 September 15, 2022.

**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 [www.regulations.gov](http://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.

For service information identified in this NPRM, contact General Electric Company, 1 Neumann Way, Cincinnati, OH 45215; phone: (513) 552-3272; email: [aviation.fleetsupport@ge.com](mailto:aviation.fleetsupport@ge.com); website: [www.ge.com](http://www.ge.com). You may view this service information at the Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110.

#### Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) by searching for

and locating Docket No. FAA–2022–0977; 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, any comments received, and other information. The street address for Docket Operations is listed above.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Stevenson, Aviation Safety Engineer, ECO Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: (781) 238–7132; email: [Scott.M.Stevenson@faa.gov](mailto:Scott.M.Stevenson@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 to an address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include “Docket No. FAA–2022–0977; Project Identifier AD–2022–00419–E” 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 [www.regulations.gov](http://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, 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 Scott Stevenson, Aviation Safety Engineer, ECO Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. Any commentary that the FAA receives which is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

#### Background

The FAA received a report of a crack found on an LPT stage 5 disk at the forward arm area. The manufacturer’s analysis revealed that the crack was due to high-vibratory stress caused by a bladed disk mode that resulted in the initiation of multiple high cycle fatigue (HCF) cracks that connected, resulting in a long circumferential crack. As a result of its analysis, the manufacturer published service information that specifies procedures for the removal of the affected LPT stage 5 disk, part number (P/N) 4117T14P02, and

replacement with an LPT stage 5 disk, P/N 4117T14P03. The replacement LPT stage 5 disk, P/N 4117T14P03, has a modified geometry (thicker forward arm) that will improve the HCF capability and reduce the likelihood of a crack. This condition, if not addressed, could result in failure of the LPT stage 5 disk, loss of engine thrust control, and reduced control of the airplane.

#### FAA’s Determination

The FAA is issuing this NPRM after determining that the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

#### Related Service Information

The FAA reviewed GE CF34–8C Service Bulletin (SB) 72–0352 R00, dated September 20, 2021, and GE CF34–8E SB 72–0240 R00, dated September 20, 2021. These SBs, differentiated by engine model, describe procedures for removing and replacing the affected LPT stage 5 disk, P/N 4117T14P02, with a new LPT stage 5 disk, P/N 4117T14P03.

#### Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM

This proposed AD would require the removal of the affected LPT stage 5 disk and replacement with a part eligible for installation.

#### Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD, if adopted as proposed, would affect 112 engines installed on airplanes of U.S. registry.

The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

#### ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Remove and replace the LPT stage 5 disk.	2 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$170.	\$30,500 (pro-rated) .....	\$30,670	\$3,435,040

#### 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:

**General Electric Company:** Docket No. FAA–2022–0977; Project Identifier AD–2022–00419–E.

##### (a) Comments Due Date

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by September 15, 2022.

##### (b) Affected ADs

None.

##### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to General Electric Company CF34–8C1, CF34–8C5, CF34–8C5A1, CF34–8C5A2, CF34–8C5A3, CF34–8C5B1, CF34–8E2, CF34–8E2A1, CF34–8E5, CF34–8E5A1, CF34–8E5A2, CF34–8E6, and CF34–8E6A1 model turbofan engines with an installed low-pressure turbine (LPT) stage 5 disk, part number (P/N) 4117T14P02.

##### (d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 7250, Turbine Section.

##### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report of a crack found on the LPT stage 5 disk at the forward arm area. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent failure of the LPT stage 5 disk. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in loss of engine thrust control and reduced control of the airplane.

##### (f) Compliance

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

##### (g) Required Actions

During the next piece-part exposure after the affected LPT stage 5 disk accumulates 8,000 cycles since new (CSN), remove the affected LPT stage 5 disk and replace with a part eligible for installation.

##### (h) Installation Prohibition

Do not install an affected LPT stage 5 disk with 8,000 CSN or more into the LPT module of the engine.

##### (i) Definitions

(1) For the purpose of this AD, a “part eligible for installation” is an LPT stage 5 disk, P/N 4117T14P03, or later approved P/N.

(2) For the purpose of this AD, “piece-part exposure” is when the LPT module is separated from the engine and the LPT stage 5 blades are removed from the LPT stage 5 disk.

##### (j) 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 (k) of this AD and email to: [ANE-AD-AMOC@faa.gov](mailto: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.

##### (k) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Scott Stevenson, Aviation Safety Engineer, ECO Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: (781) 238–7132; email: [Scott.M.Stevenson@faa.gov](mailto:Scott.M.Stevenson@faa.gov).

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#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

##### 14 CFR Part 1212

[Document Number NASA–22–042; Docket Number–NASA–2022–0004]

**RIN 2700–AE66**

#### Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017 Implementation

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This proposed rule would revise the NASA’s regulations under the Privacy Act. The revisions would clarify and update the language of procedural requirements pertaining to the inclusion of Social Security Numbers (SSN) on documents that the Agency sends by mail. These revisions are necessary to

implement the Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017, which restricts the inclusion of SSNs on documents sent by mail by the Federal Government.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 15, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be identified with RIN 2700–AE66 and may be sent to NASA via the Federal E-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Please note that NASA will post all comments on the internet with changes, including any personal information provided.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stayce Hoult, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 256–544–7705.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017 (the Act) (Pub. L. 115–59; 42 U.S.C. 405 note), which was signed on September 15, 2017, restricts Federal agencies from including individuals’ SSNs on documents sent by mail, unless the head of the agency determines that the inclusion of the SSN on the document is necessary (section 2(a) of the Act). The Act requires agency heads to issue regulations specifying the circumstances under which inclusion of an SSN on a document sent by mail is necessary. These regulations, which must be issued not later than five years after the date of enactment, shall include instructions for the partial redaction of SSNs where feasible, and shall require that SSNs not be visible on the outside of any package sent by mail (section 2(b) of the Act). This proposed rule would revise NASA’s regulations under the Privacy Act (14 CFR part 1212.6, consistent with the requirements in the Act. The proposed regulation would also clarify the procedural requirements pertaining to the inclusion of SSNs on documents that NASA sends by mail.

**Statutory Authority:** The National Aeronautics and Space Act (the Space Act), 51 U.S.C. 20101 *et seq.*, authorizes the NASA Administrator to make, promulgate, issue, rescind, and amend rules and regulations governing the manner of its operations and the exercise of the powers vested in it by law. The Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017, 42 U.S.C. 405 note, authorizes and requires agencies to promulgate rules related to the mailing of documents that contain an SSN.