

(b) *Payment of dividends if undivided earnings depleted.* The board of directors of a "well capitalized" federally-insured credit union that has depleted the balance of its undivided earnings account may authorize a transfer of funds from the credit union's regular reserve account to undivided earnings to pay dividends, provided that either—

(1) The payment of dividends will not cause the credit union's net worth classification to fall below "adequately capitalized" under subpart B or C of this part; or

(2) If the payment of dividends will cause the net worth classification to fall below "adequately capitalized," the appropriate Regional Director and, if State-chartered, the appropriate State official, have given prior written approval (in an NWRP or otherwise) to pay a dividend.

PART 741—REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE

1. The authority citation for part 741 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1757, 1766, 1781–1790, and 1790d. Section 741.4 is also authorized by 31 U.S.C. 3717.

§ 741.3. [Amended]

2. Amend § 741.3 as follows:

- a. Remove from the heading of paragraph (a) the words "Adequacy of".
- b. Remove paragraph (a)(2); and
- c. Redesignate current paragraph (a)(3) as paragraph (a)(2).

PART 747—ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS, ADJUDICATIVE HEARINGS, RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE, AND INVESTIGATIONS

1. The authority citation for part 747 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 1766, 1786, 1784, 1787, 1790d and 4806(a); and 42 U.S.C. 4012a.

2. Amend § 747.2005 of subpart L by revising paragraph (b)(2) to read as follows:

§ 747.2005 Enforcement of orders.

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(b) * * *

(2) *Failure to implement plan.*

Pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1786(k)(2)(A), the NCUA Board may assess a civil money penalty against a credit union which fails to implement a net worth restoration plan under subpart B of part 702 of this chapter or a revised business plan under subpart C of part 702,

regardless whether the plan was published.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002–NE–16–AD; Amendment 39–12952; AD 2002–23–08]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc. RB211–535 Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to Rolls-Royce plc. (RR) models RB211–535E4–37, RB211–535E4–B–37, and RB211–535E4–B–75 turbofan engines, with certain part number (P/N) low pressure (LP) turbine stage 2 discs installed. This action requires establishing new reduced LP turbine stage 2 disc cyclic limits. This action also requires removing from service affected discs that already exceed the new reduced cyclic limit, and removing other affected discs before exceeding their cyclic limits, using a drawdown schedule. The actions specified in this AD are intended to prevent LP turbine stage 2 disc failure, which could result in uncontained engine failure and possible loss of the airplane.

DATES: Effective December 30, 2002. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the rule is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of December 30, 2002.

Comments for inclusion in the Rules Docket must be received on or before January 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2002–NE–16–AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803–5299. Comments may be inspected at this location, by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: 9-ane-adcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent

via the Internet must contain the docket number in the subject line.

The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Rolls-Royce plc, P.O. Box 31 Derby, DE24 8BJ, United Kingdom; telephone 011–44–1332–242424; fax 011–44–1332–249936. This information may be examined, by appointment, at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ian Dargin, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803–5299; telephone (781) 238–7178; fax (781) 238–7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), which is the airworthiness authority for the United Kingdom (U.K.), recently notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on RR models RB211–535E4–37, RB211–535E4–B–37, and RB211–535E4–B–75 turbofan engines. The CAA advises that a reassessment of the safe cyclic limits of LP turbine stage 2 discs, P/N's UL11508, UL17141, UL18947, UL29029, and UL37352 has been performed by the manufacturer. The cyclic limits of these discs are reduced based on more recent thermal and stress data obtained from operational experience. This condition, if not corrected, could result in uncontained engine failure and possible loss of the airplane.

Manufacturer's Service Information

Rolls-Royce plc. has issued mandatory service bulletin (MSB) RB.211–72–D181, Revision 3, dated August 16, 2002, that specifies a drawdown schedule for removing from service affected LP turbine stage 2 discs, using new Time Limits Manual (TLM) cyclic limits. This MSB provides a scheduled reduction, by engine and flight plan, of LP turbine stage 2 disc lives until the full life-cycle reduction on December 31, 2005. This MSB also provides instructions for performing a one-time on-wing eddy current inspection for cracks of affected LP turbine stage 2 discs to allow a disc to remain in service for an additional 3,000 cycles, if it does not exceed the new, lower TLM cyclic limit. The CAA has classified this service bulletin as mandatory and issued AD 006–05–2001 in order to assure the airworthiness of these Rolls-Royce plc. turbofan engines in the U.K.

Bilateral Airworthiness Agreement

This engine model is manufactured in the U.K. and is type certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of section 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement. Pursuant to this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the CAA has kept the FAA informed of the situation described above. The FAA has examined the findings of the CAA, reviewed all available information, and determined that AD action is necessary for products of this type design that are certificated for operation in the United States.

FAA's Determination of an Unsafe Condition and Required Actions

Since an unsafe condition has been identified that is likely to exist or develop on other RR models RB211-535E4-37, RB211-535E4-B-37, and RB211-535E4-B-75 turbofan engines of the same type design, this AD is being issued to prevent LP stage 2 turbine disc failure, which could result in uncontained engine failure and possible loss of the airplane. This AD requires:

- Reducing the LP turbine stage 2 disc life-cyclic limits; and
 - Removing from service affected discs that already exceed the new reduced cyclic limits; and
 - Removing other affected discs before exceeding their cyclic limits, using a drawdown schedule.
- The actions must be done in accordance with the MSB described previously.

Immediate Adoption of This AD

Since a situation exists that requires the immediate adoption of this regulation, it is found that notice and opportunity for prior public comment hereon are impracticable, and that good cause exists for making this amendment effective in less than 30 days.

Comments Invited

Although this action is in the form of a final rule that involves requirements affecting flight safety and, thus, was not preceded by notice and an opportunity for public comment, comments are invited on this rule. Interested persons are invited to comment on this rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications should identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified under the caption **ADDRESSES**. All

communications received on or before the closing date for comments will be considered, and this rule may be amended in light of the comments received. Factual information that supports the commenter's ideas and suggestions is extremely helpful in evaluating the effectiveness of the AD action and determining whether additional rulemaking action would be needed.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the rule that might suggest a need to modify the rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments, in the Rules Docket for examination by interested persons. A report that summarizes each FAA-public contact concerned with the substance of this AD will be filed in the Rules Docket.

Commenters wishing the FAA to acknowledge receipt of their comments submitted in response to this action must submit a self-addressed, stamped postcard on which the following statement is made: "Comments to Docket Number 2002-NE-16-AD." The postcard will be date stamped and returned to the commenter.

Regulatory Analysis

This final rule does not have federalism implications, as defined in Executive Order 13132, because it 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. Accordingly, the FAA has not consulted with state authorities prior to publication of this final rule.

The FAA has determined that this regulation is an emergency regulation that must be issued immediately to correct an unsafe condition in aircraft, and is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866. It has been determined further that this action involves an emergency regulation under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979). If it is determined that this emergency regulation otherwise would be significant under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures, a final regulatory evaluation will be prepared and placed in the Rules Docket. A copy of it, if filed, may be obtained from the

Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (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. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

2002-23-08 Rolls-Royce plc.: Amendment 39-12952.Docket No. 2002-NE-16-AD.

Applicability: This airworthiness directive (AD) is applicable to Rolls-Royce plc. (RR) models RB211-535E4-37, RB211-535E4-B-37, and RB211-535E4-B-75 turbofan engines, with low pressure (LP) turbine stage 2 discs part numbers (P/N's) UL11508, UL17141, UL18947, UL29029, and UL37352 installed. These engines are installed on, but not limited to, Boeing 757 and Tupolev Tu204 airplanes.

Note 1: This AD applies to each engine identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For engines that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (d) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Compliance with this AD is required as indicated, unless already done.

To prevent LP turbine stage 2 disc failure, which could result in an uncontained engine failure and possible loss of the airplane, do the following:

Cyclic Limits

(a) Change the RR Time Limits Manual cyclic limits for LP turbine stage 2 discs as specified in the following Table 1:

TABLE 1.—TIME LIMITS MANUAL (TLM) CYCLIC LIMITS

Date of reduced life limit	Life limits for RB211–535E4 engines operating in flight plan A, and RB211–535E4–B engines	Life limits for RB211–535E4 engines operating in flight plan B
(1) December 31, 2001	22,500 cycles-since-new (CSN)	19,700 CSN.
(2) December 31, 2002	22,500 cycles-since-new (CSN)	19,000 CSN.
(3) December 31, 2003	21,500 CSN	18,000 CSN.
(4) December 31, 2004	20,000 CSN	16,500 CSN.
(5) December 31, 2005	18,100 CSN	14,600 CSN.

RB211–535E4 Engines Operating to Flight Plan A, and RB211–535E4–B Engines

(b)(1) For RB211–535E4 engines operating to flight plan A, and RB211–535E4–B engines, remove the LP turbine stage 2 disc from service using the CSN and Action times listed in the following Table 2.

TABLE 2.—DRAWDOWN SCHEDULE FOR RB211–535E4 ENGINES OPERATING TO FLIGHT PLAN A, AND RB211–535E4–B ENGINES

Disc CSN on the effective date of this AD	Action	Replace Disc	
		Without Eddy current inspection	With Eddy current inspection
(i) 20,001 CSN or greater	Remove disc from service or perform optional on-wing eddy current disc inspection within 21 days after the effective date of this AD.	Within 21 days after the effective date of this AD.	Within 3,000 cycles-in-service (CIS) after the inspection, but do not exceed the new reduced life limit specified in Table 1 of this AD.
(ii) 18,100 to 20,000 CSN	Remove disc from service or perform optional on-wing eddy current disc inspection.	Before accumulating 21,000 CSN or by December 31, 2002, whichever occurs first.	Within 3,000 cycles-in-service (CIS) after the inspection, but do not exceed the new reduced life limit specified in Table 1 of this AD.
(iii) Fewer than 18,100 CSN	Remove disc from service or perform optional on-wing eddy current disc inspection.	Before accumulating 20,500 CSN or by December 31, 2004, whichever occurs first.	Within 3,000 cycles-in-service (CIS) after the inspection, but do not exceed the new reduced life limit specified in Table 1 of this AD.

(2) Information regarding disc removal may be found in 3.A. of the Accomplishment Instructions of Mandatory Service Bulletin (MSB) RB.211–72–D181, Revision 3, dated August 16, 2002.

(3) The optional on-wing eddy current disc inspection noted in Table 2 of this AD must be performed in accordance with 3.C.(1) through 3.C.(6) of the Accomplishment Instructions of MSB RB.211–72–D181, Revision 3, dated August 16, 2002.

RB211–535E4 Engines Operating to Flight Plan B

(c)(1) For RB211–535E4 engines operating to flight plan B, remove the LP turbine stage 2 disc from service using the CSN and Action times listed in the following Table 3.

TABLE 3.—DRAWDOWN SCHEDULE FOR RB211–535E4 ENGINES OPERATING TO FLIGHT PLAN B

Disc CSN on the effective date of this AD	Action	Replace Disc	
		Without Eddy current inspection	With Eddy current inspection
(i) 16,501 CSN or greater	Remove disc from service or perform optional on-wing eddy current disc inspection within 21 days after the effective date of this AD.	Within 21 days after the effective date of this AD.	Within 3,000 cycles-in-service (CIS) after the inspection, but do not exceed the new reduced life limit specified in Table 1 of this AD.
(ii) 14,600 to 16,500 CSN	Remove disc from service or perform optional on-wing eddy current disc inspection.	Before accumulating 17,500 CSN or by December 31, 2002, whichever occurs first.	Within 3,000 cycles-in-service (CIS) after the inspection, but do not exceed the new reduced life limit specified in Table 1 of this AD.
(iii) Fewer than 14,600 CSN	Remove disc from service or perform optional on-wing eddy current disc inspection.	Before accumulating 17,000 CSN or by December 31, 2004, whichever occurs first.	Within 3,000 cycles-in-service (CIS) after the inspection, but do not exceed the new reduced life limit specified in Table 1 of this AD.

(2) Information regarding disc removal may be found in 3.A. of the Accomplishment Instructions of MSB RB.211-72-D181, Revision 3, dated August 16, 2002.

(3) The optional on-wing eddy current disc inspection must be performed in accordance with 3.C.(1) through 3.C.(6) of the Accomplishment Instructions of MSB RB.211-72-D181, Revision 3, dated August 16, 2002.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Engine Certification Office (ECO). Operators must submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, ECO.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this airworthiness directive, if any, may be obtained from the ECO.

Special Flight Permits

(e) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with §§ 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be done.

Documents That Have Been Incorporated By Reference

(f) The disc removals and inspections must be done in accordance with Roll-Royce MSB RB.211-72-D181, Revision 3, dated August 16, 2002. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Rolls-Royce plc, PO Box 31, Derby, England; telephone: 011-44-1332-249428; fax 011-44-1332-249223. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC.

Note 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in CAA airworthiness directive 006-05-2001.

Effective Date

(g) This amendment becomes effective on December 16, 2002.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on November 8, 2002.

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Acting Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-SW-34-AD; Amendment 39-12948; AD 2002-23-04]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model SA-365N, SA-365N1, AS-365N2, and AS 365 N3 Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) for the specified Eurocopter France (ECF) model helicopters that requires inspecting the 9-degree frame (frame) for the correct edge distance of the two attachment holes for the reinforced latch support and for a crack and repairing the frame if necessary. This amendment is prompted by the detection of a fatigue crack on the left-hand (LH) side of the frame during maintenance. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent failure of the frame due to a crack at the latch support, loss of a passenger door, damage to the rotor system, and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter.

DATES: Effective January 3, 2003.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of January 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from American Eurocopter Corporation, 2701 Forum Drive, Grand Prairie, Texas 75053-4005, telephone (972) 641-3460, fax (972) 641-3527. This information may be examined at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Grigg, Aviation Safety Engineer, FAA, Rotorcraft Directorate, Rotorcraft Standards Staff, Fort Worth, Texas 76193-0110, telephone (817) 222-5490, fax (817) 222-5961.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an AD for ECF Model SA-365N, SA-365N1, AS-365N2, and AS 365 N3 helicopters was published in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 2002 (67 FR 52896). That action proposed to require inspecting the frame for the

correct edge distance of the two attachment holes for the reinforced latch support and for a crack and repairing the frame if necessary.

The Direction Generale De L'Aviation Civile (DGAC), the airworthiness authority for France, notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on ECF Model SA-365N, SA-365N1, AS-365N2, and AS 365 N3 helicopters incorporating MOD 0753B31. The DGAC advises of the discovery of a crack on the left-hand side of the frame.

ECF has issued AS 365 Alert Service Bulletin No. 53.00.42, dated January 31, 2001 (ASB). The ASB specifies measuring the edge distance of the attachment holes for the reinforced latch support of the frame, inspecting for a crack, installing a repair on the frame or stop-drilling the crack, and monitoring the crack for continued growth. The DGAC classified this ASB as mandatory and issued AD No. 2001-060-052(A), dated February 21, 2001, to ensure the continued airworthiness of these helicopters in France.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were received on the proposal or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public. The FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed except for minor editorial changes. These changes will neither increase the economic burden on operators nor increase the scope of the AD.

The FAA estimates that this AD will:

- Affect 45 helicopters of U.S. registry,
 - Require 3 work hours per helicopter to visually inspect all helicopters,
 - Require 8 work hours to repair an estimated 10 helicopters to correct edge distance only, and
 - Require 12 work hours to repair edge distance and cracks for approximately five helicopters.
- The average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Required parts will cost approximately \$200, assuming a repair is necessary for 15 helicopters. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$19,500.

The regulations adopted herein 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. Therefore, it is determined that this final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.