

Flexibility Act. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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:

General Electric Company: Docket No. 2000-NE-30-AD.

Applicability: This airworthiness directive (AD) is applicable to CF6-50 turbofan engines with high pressure compressor (HPC) rotor air duct assemblies P/N's 9128M36G03/G04/G05/G06/G08/G20/G21, or 1644M16G03 installed. These engines are installed on but not limited to Boeing 747, Airbus A300, and McDonnell Douglas DC10 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 (c) 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: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent HPC air duct failures that could result in fan mid shaft (FMS) failures and uncontained LPT events, accomplish the following:

(a) At next HPC rotor exposure, remove the HPC air duct assembly part number 99128M36G03/G04/G05/G06/G08/G20/G21 or 1644M16G03 and mating hardware (rear shaft or 11-14 spool shaft) and replace with the new design air duct and reworked mating hardware in accordance with the accomplishment instructions of General

Electric Aircraft Engines Service Bulletin (SB) CF6-50 72-1200, dated May 8, 2000; General Electric Aircraft Engines Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) CF6-50 72-A1200, Revision 1, dated July 20, 2000; or General Electric Aircraft Engines Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) CF6-50 72-A1200, Revision 2, dated November 2, 2000.

(b) For the purposes of this proposal, HPC rotor exposure is defined as disassembly of the HPC stage 2 disk flange or removal of the HPC stage 1 disk.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(c) 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 shall submit their request through an appropriate Federal Aviation Administration (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.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, November 15, 2000.

Robert Mann,

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. 2000-CE-31-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Aerostar Aircraft Corporation Models PA-60-600 (Aerostar 600), PA-60-601 (Aerostar 601), PA-60-601P (Aerostar 601P), PA-60-602P (Aerostar 602P), and PA-60-700P (Aerostar 700P) Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) that would apply to all Aerostar Aircraft Corporation (Aerostar) Models PA-60-600, PA-60-601, PA-60-601P, PA-60-602P and PA-60-700P airplanes. The proposed AD would require you to replace both of the existing main landing gear lower side brace assemblies with parts of improved design. The proposed AD is the result of several reports of cracking of the main

landing gear lower side brace at the upper bolt lug discovered on preflight inspection. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to correct damage or cracks in the main landing gear lower side brace at the upper bolt lug where the upper and lower side braces connect. This could result in cracking and failure of the main landing gear lower side brace. Such failure could lead to loss of control of the airplane.

DATES: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must receive any comments on this rule by December 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2000-CE-31-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. You may look at comments at this location between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

You may get the service information referenced in the proposed AD from Aerostar Aircraft Corporation, 10555 Airport Drive, Hayden Lake, ID 83835; telephone: (208) 762-0338; facsimile: (208) 762-8349. You may read this information at the Rules Docket at the address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Simonson, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW, Renton, Washington 98055; telephone: (425) 227-2597; facsimile: (425) 227-1181.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

How do I comment on this proposed AD?

We invite your comments on the proposed rule. You may send whatever written data, views, or arguments you choose. You need to include the rule's docket number and send your comments in triplicate to the address mentioned under the caption **ADDRESSES**. We will consider all comments received by the closing date mentioned above, before acting on the proposed rule. We may change the proposals contained in this notice because of the comments received.

Are there any specific portions of the proposed AD I should pay attention to?

The FAA specifically invites comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule that might call for a need to change the proposed rule. You may examine all comments

we receive. We will file a report in the Rules Docket that summarizes each FAA contact with the public that concerns the substantive parts of this proposal.

The FAA is reexamining the writing style we currently use in regulatory documents, in response to the Presidential memorandum of June 1, 1998. That memorandum requires federal agencies to communicate more clearly with the public. We are interested in your comments on the ease of understanding this document, and any other suggestions you might have to improve the clarity of FAA communications that affect you. You can get more information about the Presidential memorandum and the plain language initiative at <http://www.faa.gov/language/>.

How can I be sure FAA receives my comment?

If you want us to acknowledge the receipt of your comments, you must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. On the postcard, write "Comments to Docket No. 2000-CE-31-AD." We will date stamp and mail the postcard back to you.

Discussion

What events have caused this AD?

The FAA has received several reports of cracking of the main landing gear

lower side brace at the upper bolt lug discovered on preflight inspection.

What are the consequences if the condition is not corrected?

Damage or cracking of the main landing gear lower side brace, if not detected and corrected, could result in failure of this part. Such failure could lead to loss of the main landing gear with consequent loss of control of the airplane.

Relevant Service Information

Is there service information that applies to this subject?

Aerostar has issued Service Bulletin SB600-134A, dated March 31, 2000.

What are the provisions of this service bulletin?

The service bulletin includes procedures for replacing both existing main landing gear lower side brace assemblies with parts of improved design, Aerostar part number 400084-001, lower side brace assemblies.

The FAA's Determination and an Explanation of the Provisions of the Proposed AD

What has FAA decided?

After examining the circumstances and reviewing all available information

related to the incidents described above, we have determined that:

- the unsafe condition referenced in this document exists or could develop on other Aerostar Models PA-60 series airplanes of the same type design;
- the actions specified in the previously-referenced service information should be accomplished on the affected airplanes; and
- AD action should be taken in order to correct this unsafe condition.

What would the proposed AD require?

This proposed AD would require you to incorporate the actions in Part II of the previously referenced service bulletin.

Cost Impact

How many airplanes would the proposed AD impact?

We estimate that the proposed AD affects 650 airplanes in the U.S. registry.

What would be the cost impact of the proposed AD on owners/operators of the affected airplanes?

We estimate the following costs to do the proposed modification:

Labor Cost	Parts Cost	Total Cost Per Airplane	Total Cost on U.S. Airplane Operators
20 workhours X \$60 per hour = \$1,200	\$1,682 for each airplane	\$1,200 + \$1,682 = \$2,882 for each airplane.	\$2,882 X 650 = \$1,873,300

Regulatory Impact

Would this proposed AD impact relations between Federal and State governments?

The proposed regulations would not have substantial direct effects 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. We have determined that this proposed rule would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

Would this proposed AD involve a significant rule or regulatory action?

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979); and (3) if put into effect, 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. A copy of the draft regulatory evaluation prepared for this action has been placed in the Rules Docket. You may get a copy by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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The Proposed Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 14 CFR part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations 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. FAA amends § 39.13 by adding a new airworthiness directive (AD) to read as follows:

Aerostar Aircraft Corporation: Docket No. 2000-CE-31-AD

(a) *What airplanes are affected by this AD?*
This AD affects the following airplane models and all serial numbers through 1026 that are certificated in any category: Models PA-60-600 (Aerostar 600), PA-60-601 (Aerostar 601), PA-60-601P (Aerostar 601P), PA-60-602P (Aerostar 602P), and PA-60-700P (Aerostar 700P).

(b) *Who must comply with this AD?*
Anyone who wishes to operate any of the above airplanes must comply with this AD.

(c) *What problem does this AD address?*
The actions specified by this AD are intended to correct damage or cracks in the main landing gear lower side brace at the upper bolt lug where the upper and lower side braces connect. This could result in cracking and failure of the main landing gear lower

side brace. Such failure could lead to loss of control of the airplane.

(d) *What actions must I accomplish to address this problem?* To address this problem, you must accomplish the following:

Action	Compliance Time	Procedures
Replace both main landing gear lower side brace assemblies with Aerostar part number 400084-001 lower side brace assemblies.	Within the next 50 hours time-in-service after the effective date of this AD, unless already performed.	Do these replacements following the INSTRUCTIONS PART II: Replacement paragraph of Aerostar Mandatory Service Bulletin SB600-134A, dated March 31, 2000, and the Aerostar Maintenance Manual.

(e) *Can I comply with this AD in any other way?* You may use an alternative method of compliance or adjust the compliance time if:

(1) Your alternative method of compliance provides an equivalent level of safety; and
(2) The Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), approves your alternative. Send your request through an FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW, Renton, Washington 98055.

Note: This AD applies to each airplane identified in paragraph (a) of this AD, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes 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 (e) 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 you have not eliminated the unsafe condition, specific actions you propose to address it.

(f) *Where can I get information about any already-approved alternative methods of compliance?* Contact Richard Simonson, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW, Renton, Washington 98055; telephone: (425) 227-2597; facsimile: (425) 227-1181.

(g) *What if I need to fly the airplane to another location to comply with this AD?* The FAA can issue a special flight permit under sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate your airplane to a location where you can accomplish the requirements of this AD.

(h) *How do I get copies of the documents referenced in this AD?* You may get the service information referenced in the AD from Aerostar Aircraft Corporation, 10555 Airport Drive, Coeur d'Alene Airport, Hayden Lake, Idaho 83835-8742; Telephone: (208) 762-0338; facsimile: (208) 762-8349. You may read this document at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 14, 2000.

James E. Jackson,
*Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate,
Aircraft Certification Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

15 CFR Part 922

Installing and Maintaining Commercial Submarine Cables in National Marine Sanctuaries

AGENCY: Marine Sanctuaries Division (MSD), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Reopening of comment period for Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NOAA is reopening the public comment on an advance notice of proposed rulemaking published August 23, 2000. The ANPR was published by NOAA to evaluate whether changes to existing National Marine Sanctuary (NMS) regulations or some form of policy guidance is necessary to clarify NOAA's decision-making process regarding the installation and maintenance of commercial submarine cables within NMSs. If changes or additional guidance are appropriate, the ANPR also requested comments on what the changes or guidance should contain. In addition, the ANPR requested comments on proposed principles on the installation of commercial submarine cables within the marine and coastal environment as a whole. This notice reopens the period for public comment for 15 days.

DATE: Comments on this document must be received by December 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Debra Malek, Conservation Policy and Planning Branch, National Marine Sanctuary Program, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4, 11th Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910. Attention: Submarine Cable FR Comments.

Comments may also be submitted by email to: submarine.cables@noaa.gov

All comments will be available to the public for review at the NOAA Central Library, 2nd floor, Silver Spring Metro

Center Building 3 (SSMC3), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Debra Malek at (301) 713-3125 extension 162.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 23, 2000, NOAA published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (65 FR 51264). The ANPR was published by NOAA to evaluate whether changes to existing NMS regulations or some form of policy guidance is necessary to clarify NOAA's decision-making process regarding the installation and maintenance of commercial submarine cables within NMSs. If changes or additional guidance are appropriate, the ANPR also requested comments on what the changes or guidance should contain. In addition, the ANPR requested comments on proposed principles on the installation of commercial submarine cables within the marine and coastal environment. The ANPR provided a sixty day period for the submission of public comments, with the period closing on October 23, 2000. NOAA received numerous comments in response to this ANPR. It also received a number of requests for additional time to provide information on this subject. In response to these requests, NOAA is providing additional time for comments to be submitted. This notice reopens the period for public comment for fifteen days, until December 11, 2000.

Dated: November 15, 2000.

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Deputy Assistant Administrator for Oceans and Coastal Zone Management.

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