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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2022-0601; Project Identifier MCAI-2021-01286-T]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2017-10-24, which applies to certain Airbus SAS Model A330-200 series airplanes, Model A330-200 Freighter series airplanes, and Model A330-300 series airplanes; AD 2018-23-14, which applies to certain Airbus SAS Model A330-200 series airplanes, Model A330-200 Freighter series airplanes, and Model A330-300 series airplanes; and AD 2021-05-12, which applies to certain Airbus SAS Model A330-200 Freighter series airplanes. AD 2017-10-24, AD 2018-23-14, and AD 2021-05-12 require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations. Since the FAA issued AD 2017-10-24, AD 2018-23-14, and AD 2021-05-12, the FAA has determined that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. This proposed AD would revise the applicability by adding airplanes. This proposed AD would also continue to require the actions in AD 2018-23-14 and AD 2021-05-12, and require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is proposed for incorporation by reference. 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 July 25, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, using the procedures found in 14 CFR 11.43 and 11.45, by any of the following methods:

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- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.
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For EASA material that will be incorporated by reference (IBR) in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email [ADs@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu); internet [www.easa.europa.eu](http://www.easa.europa.eu). You may find this material on the EASA website at <https://ad.easa.europa.eu>. For Airbus service information identified in this proposed AD, contact Airbus SAS, Airworthiness Office—EAL, Rond-Point Emile Dewoitine No. 2, 31700 Blagnac Cedex, France, France; telephone +33 5 61 93 36 96; fax +33 5 61 93 45 80; email [airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com](mailto:airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com); internet <https://www.airbus.com>. You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195. It is also available in the AD docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2022-0601.

#### Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2022-0601; 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.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### 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-2022-0601; Project Identifier MCAI-2021-01286-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 <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 Vladimir Ulyanov,

Aerospace Engineer, Large Aircraft Section, FAA, International Validation Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone and fax: 206-231-3229; email *vladimir.ulyanov@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

The FAA issued AD 2018-23-14, Amendment 39-19501 (83 FR 60754, November 27, 2018) (AD 2018-23-14), which applies to certain Airbus SAS Model A330-200 series airplanes, Model A330-200 Freighter series airplanes, and Model A330-300 series airplanes. AD 2018-23-14 requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive instructions and/or airworthiness limitation requirements. The FAA issued AD 2018-23-14 to address fatigue cracking, accidental damage, or corrosion in principal structural elements, and possible failure of certain life limited parts, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane. AD 2018-23-14 specifies that accomplishing the actions required by paragraph (g) of that AD terminates all of the requirements of AD 2017-10-24, Amendment 39-18898 (82 FR 24035, May 25, 2017).

The FAA also issued AD 2021-05-12, Amendment 39-21455 (86 FR 15092, March 22, 2021) (AD 2021-05-12), which applies to certain Airbus SAS Model A330-200 Freighter series airplanes. AD 2021-05-12 requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations. The FAA issued AD 2021-05-12 to address fatigue cracking, accidental damage, or corrosion in principal structural elements, and possible failure of certain life limited parts, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane. AD 2021-05-12 specifies that accomplishing the revision required by that AD terminates the limitation for the nose landing gear lower torque link having part number D64001 as required by paragraph (g) of AD 2018-23-14, Amendment 39-19501 (83 FR 60754, November 27, 2018), for Model A330-223F and -243F airplanes only.

### Actions Since AD 2018-23-14 and AD 2021-05-12 Was Issued

Since the FAA issued AD 2018-23-14 and AD 2021-05-12, the FAA has determined that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary.

EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2021-0246, dated November 17, 2021 (EASA AD 2021-0246) (also referred to as the MCAI), to correct an unsafe condition for all Airbus SAS Model A330-201, -202, -203, -223, -243 airplanes; Model A330-223F and -243F airplanes; Model A330-301, -302, -303, -321, -322, -323, -341, -342, and -343 airplanes; Model A330-841 airplanes; and Model A330-941 airplanes.

Airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued after July 1, 2021, must comply with the airworthiness limitations specified as part of the approved type design and referenced on the type certificate data sheet; this AD therefore does not include those airplanes in the applicability.

This proposed AD was prompted by a determination that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. The FAA is proposing this AD to address fatigue cracking, accidental damage, or corrosion in principal structural elements, and possible failure of certain life limited parts, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane. See the MCAI for additional background information.

### Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

EASA AD 2021-0246 specifies procedures for new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations for airplane structures and safe life limits.

This proposed AD would also require the following service information.

- Airbus A330 Airworthiness Limitations Section (ALS) Part 1, Safe Life Airworthiness Limitation Items (SL-ALI), Revision 09, dated September 18, 2017, which the Director of the Federal Register approved for incorporation by reference as of January 2, 2019 (83 FR 60754, November 27, 2018).
- Airbus A330 ALS Part 1, SL-ALI, Variation 9.2, dated November 28, 2017, which the Director of the Federal Register approved for incorporation by reference as of January 2, 2019 (83 FR 60754, November 27, 2018).
- Airbus A330 ALS Part 1, SL-ALI, Variation 9.3, dated November 29, 2017, which the Director of the Federal Register approved for incorporation by reference as of January 2, 2019 (83 FR 60754, November 27, 2018).
- EASA AD 2020-0190, dated August 27, 2020, which the Director of the Federal Register approved for

incorporation by reference as of April 26, 2021 (86 FR 15092, March 22, 2021).

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 aviation authority of another country and are approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to the FAA's bilateral agreement with the State of Design Authority, it 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 these same type designs.

### Proposed AD Requirements in This NPRM

This proposed AD would retain the requirements of AD 2018-23-14 and AD 2021-05-12. This proposed AD would also revise the applicability by adding airplanes and require revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations, which are specified in EASA AD 2021-0246 described previously, as proposed for incorporation by reference. Revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as specified in EASA AD 2021-0246, would terminate the retained requirements in this AD. Any differences with EASA AD 2021-0246 are identified as exceptions in the regulatory text of this AD.

This proposed AD would require revisions to certain operator maintenance documents to include new actions (e.g., inspections). Compliance with these actions is required by 14 CFR 91.403(c). For airplanes that have been previously modified, altered, or repaired in the areas addressed by this proposed AD, the operator may not be able to accomplish the actions described in the revisions. In this situation, to comply with 14 CFR 91.403(c), the operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) according to paragraph (p)(1) 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 2021–0246 by reference in the FAA final rule. This proposed AD would, therefore, require compliance with EASA AD 2021–0246 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 2021–0246 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 2021–0246. Service information required by EASA AD 2021–0246 for compliance will be available at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2022–0601 after the FAA final rule is published.

#### **Airworthiness Limitation ADs Using the New Process**

The FAA’s process of incorporating by reference MCAI ADs as the primary source of information for compliance with corresponding FAA ADs has been limited to certain MCAI ADs (primarily those with service bulletins as the primary source of information for accomplishing the actions required by the FAA AD). However, the FAA is now expanding the process to include MCAI ADs that require a change to airworthiness limitation documents, such as airworthiness limitation sections.

For these ADs that incorporate by reference an MCAI AD that changes airworthiness limitations, the FAA requirements are unchanged. Operators must revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the information specified in the new airworthiness limitation document. The airworthiness limitations must be followed according to 14 CFR 91.403(c) and 91.409(e).

The previous format of the airworthiness limitation ADs included a paragraph that specified that no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals may be used unless the actions and intervals are approved as an AMOC in accordance with the procedures specified in the AMOCs paragraph under “Additional FAA Provisions.” This new format includes a “New Provisions for Alternative Actions and Intervals” paragraph that does not

specifically refer to AMOCs, but operators may still request an AMOC to use an alternative action or interval.

#### **Costs of Compliance**

The FAA estimates that this proposed AD affects 138 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this proposed AD:

The FAA estimates the total cost per operator for the retained actions from AD 2018–23–14 and AD 2021–05–12 to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours × \$85 per work-hour) per AD.

The FAA has determined that revising the existing maintenance or inspection program takes an average of 90 work-hours per operator, although the agency recognizes that this number may vary from operator to operator. Since operators incorporate maintenance or inspection program changes for their affected fleet(s), the FAA has determined that a per-operator estimate is more accurate than a per-airplane estimate.

The FAA estimates the total cost per operator for the new proposed actions to be \$7,650 (90 work-hours × \$85 per work-hour).

#### **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 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:

- a. Removing Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2017–10–24, Amendment 39–18898 (82 FR 24035, May 25, 2017); AD 2018–23–14, Amendment 39–19501 (83 FR 60754, November 27, 2018); and AD 2021–05–12, Amendment 39–21455 (86 FR 15092, March 22, 2021); and
- b. Adding the following new AD:

**Airbus SAS:** Docket No. FAA–2022–0601; Project Identifier MCAI–2021–01286–T.

#### **(a) Comments Due Date**

The FAA must receive comments on this airworthiness directive (AD) by July 25, 2022.

#### **(b) Affected ADs**

This AD replaces the ADs specified in paragraphs (b)(1) through (3) of this AD.

(1) AD 2017–10–24, Amendment 39–18898 (82 FR 24035, May 25, 2017) (AD 2017–10–24).

(2) AD 2018–23–14, Amendment 39–19501 (83 FR 60754, November 27, 2018) (AD 2018–23–14).

(3) AD 2021–05–12, Amendment 39–21455 (86 FR 15092, March 22, 2021) (AD 2021–05–12).

#### **(c) Applicability**

This AD applies to the Airbus SAS airplanes specified in paragraphs (c)(1) through (5) of this AD, certificated in any category, with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued on or before July 1, 2021.

(1) Model A330–201, –202, –203, –223, and –243 airplanes.

(2) Model A330–223F and –243F airplanes.

(3) Model A330–301, –302, –303, –321, –322, –323, –341, –342, and –343 airplanes.

(4) Model A330–841 airplanes.

(5) Model A330–941 airplanes.

**(d) Subject**

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 05, Time Limits/Maintenance Checks.

**(e) Unsafe Condition**

This AD was prompted by a determination that new or more restrictive airworthiness limitations are necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address fatigue cracking, accidental damage, or corrosion in principal structural elements, and possible failure of certain life limited parts, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

**(f) Compliance**

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

**(g) Retained Revision of the Existing Maintenance or Inspection Program for AD 2018–23–14, With a New Terminating Action**

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (g) of AD 2018–23–14, with a new terminating action. For Airbus SAS Model A330–200 series airplanes, Model A330–200 Freighter series airplanes, and Model A330–300 series airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued on or before November 29, 2017: Within 90 days after January 2, 2019 (the effective date of AD 2018–23–14), revise the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the information specified in the service information identified in paragraphs (g)(1) through (3) of this AD. The initial compliance times for accomplishing the tasks are at the applicable times specified in the service information identified in paragraphs (g)(1) through (3) of this AD, or within 90 days after January 2, 2019, whichever occurs later. Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required by paragraph (l) of this AD terminates the requirements of this paragraph.

(1) Airbus A330 Airworthiness Limitations Section (ALS) Part 1, Safe Life Airworthiness Limitation Items (SL–ALI), Revision 09, dated September 18, 2017.

(2) Airbus A330 ALS Part 1, SL–ALI, Variation 9.2, dated November 28, 2017.

(3) Airbus A330 ALS Part 1, SL–ALI, Variation 9.3, dated November 29, 2017.

**(h) Retained Restrictions on Alternative Actions and Intervals for AD 2018–23–14, With a New Exception**

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (i) of AD 2018–23–14, with a new exception. Except as required by paragraphs (i) and (l) of this AD, after the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, has been revised as required by paragraph (g) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals may be used unless the actions or intervals are approved as an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (p)(1) of this AD.

**(i) Retained Revision of the Existing Maintenance or Inspection Program for AD 2021–05–12, With a New Terminating Action**

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (g) of AD 2021–05–12, with a new terminating action. For Airbus SAS Model A330–223F and –243F airplanes with an original airworthiness certificate or original export certificate of airworthiness issued on or before June 29, 2020, except as specified in paragraph (j) of this AD, Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, EASA AD 2020–0190, dated August 27, 2020 (EASA AD 2020–0190). Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required by paragraph (l) of this AD terminates the requirements of this paragraph.

**(j) For AD 2021–05–12: Retained Exceptions to EASA AD 2020–0190**

This paragraph restates the exceptions specified in paragraph (h) of AD 2021–05–12, with no changes.

(1) The requirements specified in paragraph (1) of EASA AD 2020–0190 do not apply to this AD.

(2) Paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2020–0190 specifies revising “the approved AMP” within 12 months after its effective date, but this AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, to incorporate the “limitations” specified in paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2020–0190 within 90 days after April 26, 2021 (the effective date of AD 2021–05–12).

(3) The initial compliance time for doing the tasks specified in paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2020–0190 is on or before the applicable “limitations” specified in paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2020–0190, or within 90 days after April 26, 2021 (the effective date of AD 2021–05–12), whichever occurs later.

(4) The provision specified in paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2020–0190 does not apply to this AD.

(5) The “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2020–0190 does not apply to this AD.

**(k) Retained Restrictions on Alternative Actions and Intervals for AD 2021–05–12, With a New Exception**

This paragraph restates the requirements of paragraph (i) of AD 2021–05–12, with a new exception. Except as required by paragraph (l) of this AD, after the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (i) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) or intervals are allowed unless they are approved as specified in the provisions of the “Ref. Publications” section of EASA AD 2020–0190.

**(l) New Revision of the Existing Maintenance or Inspection Program**

Except as specified in paragraph (m) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2021–0246, dated November 17, 2021 (EASA AD 2021–0246). Accomplishing the revision of the existing maintenance or inspection program required by this paragraph terminates the

requirements of paragraphs (g) and (i) of this AD.

**(m) Exceptions to EASA AD 2021–0246**

(1) Where EASA AD 2021–0246 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) The requirements specified in paragraph (1) of EASA AD 2021–0246 do not apply to this AD.

(3) Paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2021–0246 specifies revising “the AMP” within 12 months after its effective date, but this AD requires revising the existing maintenance or inspection program, as applicable, within 90 days after the effective date of this AD.

(4) The initial compliance time for doing the tasks specified in paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2021–0246 is at the applicable “limitations” as incorporated by the requirements of paragraph (2) of EASA AD 2021–0246, or within 90 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

(5) The provisions specified in paragraphs (3) and (4) of EASA AD 2021–0246 do not apply to this AD.

(6) The “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2021–0246 does not apply to this AD.

**(n) New Provisions for Alternative Actions and Intervals**

After the existing maintenance or inspection program has been revised as required by paragraph (l) of this AD, no alternative actions (e.g., inspections) and intervals are allowed unless they are approved as specified in the provisions of the “Ref. Publications” section of EASA AD 2021–0246.

**(o) Terminating Action for Certain Requirements of Paragraph (g) of This AD**

Accomplishing the actions required by paragraph (i) of this AD terminates the limitation for the nose landing gear lower torque link having part number D64001, as required by paragraph (g) of AD 2018–23–14, for Model A330–223F and –243F airplanes only.

**(p) Additional FAA AD Provisions**

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: The Manager, Large Aircraft Section, 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 Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (q)(2) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-AVS-AIR-730-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, Large Aircraft Section,

International Validation Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Airbus SAS's EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

#### (q) Related Information

(1) For EASA ADs 2020-0190 and 2021-0246, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email [ADs@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu); internet [www.easa.europa.eu](http://www.easa.europa.eu). You may find this EASA AD on the EASA website at <https://ad.easa.europa.eu>. You may view this material at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195. This material may be found in the AD docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2022-0601.

(2) For more information about this AD, contact Vladimir Ulyanov, Aerospace Engineer, Large Aircraft Section, FAA, International Validation Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone and fax: 206-231-3229; email [vladimir.ulyanov@faa.gov](mailto:vladimir.ulyanov@faa.gov).

(3) For Airbus service information identified in this AD, contact Airbus SAS, Airworthiness Office—EAL, Rond-Point Emile Dewoitine No. 2, 31700 Blagnac Cedex, France, France; telephone +33 5 61 93 36 96; fax +33 5 61 93 45 80; email [airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com](mailto:airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com); internet <https://www.airbus.com>. You may view this service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195.

Issued on May 31, 2022.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2022-0604; Project Identifier MCAI-2021-01375-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 supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2021-19-20, which applies to all Dassault Aviation Model FALCON 7X

airplanes. AD 2021-19-20 requires amending the existing airplane flight manual (AFM) to incorporate a check and an operating limitation regarding the O<sub>2</sub> saver function. Since the FAA issued AD 2021-19-20, it has been determined that the AFM update may not be sufficient to mitigate the risk of failed deactivation of the O<sub>2</sub> saver function. This proposed AD would retain the requirements of AD 2021-19-20 and would require physical deactivation of the O<sub>2</sub> saver function, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is proposed for incorporation by reference. This proposed AD would also limit the installation of affected parts under certain conditions. The FAA is proposing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

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