

## Conclusion

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is adopted as proposed in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

## 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.

## Regulatory Findings

The FAA determined that this AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD 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.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and
- (3) 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.

## List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

## The Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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) 2020–25–03, Amendment 39–21345 (85 FR 79415, December 10, 2020), and
  - b. Adding the following new AD:
 

**2020–25–03R1 Airbus SAS:** Amendment 39–22086; Docket No. FAA–2020–1105; Project Identifier MCAI–2020–01459–T.

#### (a) Effective Date

This AD becomes effective January 12, 2023.

#### (b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2020–25–03, Amendment 39–21345 (85 FR 79415, December 10, 2020).

#### (c) Applicability

This action applies to all Airbus SAS airplanes, certificated in any category, identified in paragraphs (c)(1) through (4) of this AD.

(1) Model A318–111, –112, –121, and –122 airplanes.

(2) Model A319–111, –112, –113, –114, –115, –131, –132, –133, –151N, and –171N airplanes.

(3) Model A320–211, –212, –214, –216, –231, –232, –233, –251N, –252N, –253N, –271N, –272N, and –273N airplanes.

(4) Model A321–111, –112, –131, –211, –212, –213, –231, –232, –251N, –252N, –253N, –271N, –272N, –251NX, –252NX, –253NX, –271NX, and –272NX airplanes.

#### (d) Subject

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

#### (e) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Dan Rodina, Aerospace Engineer, Large Aircraft Section, International Validation Branch, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone 206–231–3225; email [Dan.Rodina@faa.gov](mailto:Dan.Rodina@faa.gov).

#### (f) Material Incorporated by Reference

None.

Issued on January 4, 2023.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2022–1051; Project Identifier AD–2022–00089–T; Amendment 39–22257; AD 2022–25–01]

**RIN 2120–AA64**

### Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all The Boeing Company Model 707 and Model 727 airplanes. This AD was prompted by a report indicating cracking in fastener holes at the center wing box and at certain positions of the rear spar and lower skin on a Model 737–300 airplane. A cross model review determined that similar cracking of the fastener holes in the center wing box lower skin could occur on Model 707 and Model 727 airplanes. For Model 707 airplanes this AD requires repetitive detailed inspections of the center wing box lower skin for cracking and repetitive high frequency eddy current (HFEC) and ultrasonic (UT) inspections of the rear spar lower chord at a certain position for cracking, repetitive sealant application, and repair if necessary. For Model 727 airplanes this AD requires repetitive detailed inspections of the center wing box, lower skin, and rear spar lower chord at a certain location for cracking, repetitive sealant application, and repair if necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective February 16, 2023.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD as of February 16, 2023.

#### ADDRESSES:

**AD Docket:** You may examine the AD docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA–2022–1051; 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 final rule, any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

*Material Incorporated by Reference:*

• For service information identified in this final rule, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminister Blvd., MC 110-SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740-5600; telephone 562-797-1717; website [myboeingfleet.com](http://myboeingfleet.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. It is also available at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) under Docket No. FAA-2022-1051.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sean Newell, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Section, FAA, Los Angeles ACO Branch, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, CA 90712-4137; phone: 562-627-5266; email: [Sean.M.Newell@faa.gov](mailto:Sean.M.Newell@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all The Boeing Company Model 707 and Model 727 airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on September 15, 2022 (87 FR 56596). The NPRM was prompted by a report indicating cracking in fastener holes at the center wing box and at certain positions of the rear spar and lower skin on a Model 737-300 airplane. A cross model review determined that similar cracking of the

fastener holes in the center wing box lower skin could occur on Model 707 and Model 727 airplanes. In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require, for Model 707 airplanes, repetitive detailed inspections of the center wing box lower skin for cracking and repetitive HFEC and UT inspections of the rear spar lower chord at a certain position for cracking, repetitive sealant application, and repair if necessary. For Model 727 airplanes, the NPRM proposed to require repetitive detailed inspections of the center wing box, lower skin, and rear spar lower chord at a certain location for cracking, repetitive sealant application, and repair if necessary. The FAA is issuing this AD to address cracking in the center wing box lower skin or rear spar lower chord, which could result in the inability of the structure to sustain limit load and adversely affect the structural integrity of the airplane.

#### Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

##### Comments

The FAA received comments from Boeing and an individual who supported the NPRM without change.

##### Conclusion

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered any comments received, and determined that air safety requires adopting this AD as proposed. Accordingly, the FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products. Except for minor editorial changes, this AD is adopted as proposed

in the NPRM. None of the changes will increase the economic burden on any operator.

#### Related Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

The FAA reviewed Boeing 707 Alert Requirements Bulletin A3544 RB, dated November 1, 2021. This service information specifies procedures for repetitive internal detailed inspections of the center wing box lower skin for cracking and repetitive internal surface HFEC and UT inspections of the rear spar lower chord between left body buttock line (LBBL) 40 and right body buttock line (RBBL) 40 for cracking, repetitive sealant application, and repair.

The FAA reviewed Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 727-57A0190 RB, dated September 13, 2021. This service information specifies procedures for repetitive internal detailed inspections for cracking of the center wing box, lower skin, and rear spar lower chord between LBBL 34.7 and RBBL 34.7, repetitive sealant application, and repair.

This service information is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it through their normal course of business or by the means identified in **ADDRESSES**.

#### Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 48 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

#### ESTIMATED COSTS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Inspections and sealant application Model 707 airplanes.	34 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$2,890 per inspection cycle.	\$0	\$2,890 per inspection cycle ...	\$66,470 per inspection cycle (23 airplanes).
Inspections and sealant application Model 727 airplanes.	22 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$1,870 per inspection cycle.	0	\$1,870 per inspection cycle ...	\$46,750 per inspection cycle (25 airplanes).

The FAA has received no definitive data on which to base the cost estimates for the on-condition repairs specified in this AD.

#### 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

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD 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.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

(1) Is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866,

(2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, and

(3) 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.

#### List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

#### The Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 14 CFR part 39 as follows:

### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 39 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 9 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

#### § 39.13 [Amended]

■ 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

**2022–25–01 The Boeing Company:**  
Amendment 39–22257; Docket No. FAA–2022–1051; Project Identifier AD–2022–00089–T.

#### (a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective February 16, 2023.

#### (b) Affected ADs

None.

#### (c) Applicability

This AD applies to The Boeing Company airplanes specified in paragraphs (c)(1) through (3) of this AD, certificated in any category.

(1) Model 707–100 Long Body, –200, –100B Long Body, and –100B Short Body series airplanes.

(2) Model 707–300, –300B, –300C, and –400 series airplanes.

(3) Model 727, 727C, 727–100, 727–100C, 727–200, and 727–200F series airplanes.

#### (d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 57, Wings.

#### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by a report indicating cracking in fastener holes at the center wing box and at certain positions of the rear spar and lower skin on a Model 737–300 airplane. A cross model review determined that similar cracking of the fastener holes in the center wing box lower skin could occur on Model 707 and Model 727 airplanes. The FAA is issuing this AD to address cracking in the center wing box lower skin or rear spar lower chord, which could result in the inability of the structure to sustain limit load and adversely affect the structural integrity of the airplane.

#### (f) Compliance

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

#### (g) Required Actions for Group 1 Model 727 Airplanes

For airplanes identified as Group 1 in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 727–57A0190 RB, dated September 13, 2021: Within 120 days after the effective date of this AD, inspect the airplane and do all applicable on-condition actions using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (j) of this AD.

#### (h) Required Actions for Groups 2 and 3 Model 727 Airplanes and All Model 707 Airplanes

Except as specified by paragraph (i) of this AD: At the applicable times specified in the “Compliance” paragraph of Boeing 707 Alert Requirements Bulletin A3544 RB, dated November 1, 2021; or Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 727–57A0190 RB, dated September 13, 2021; as applicable, do all applicable actions identified in, and in accordance with, the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing 707 Alert Requirements Bulletin A3544 RB, dated November 1, 2021; or Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 727–57A0190 RB, dated September 13, 2021, as applicable.

**Note 1 to paragraph (h):** Guidance for accomplishing the actions required by this AD can be found in Boeing 707 Alert Service Bulletin A3544, dated November 1, 2021, which is referred to in Boeing 707 Alert Requirements Bulletin A3544 RB, dated November 1, 2021; and Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 727–57A0190, dated September 13, 2021, which is referred to in Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 727–57A0190 RB, dated September 13, 2021.

#### (i) Exceptions to Service Information Specifications

(1) Where the Compliance Time columns of the tables in the “Compliance” paragraph of Boeing 707 Alert Requirements Bulletin A3544 RB, dated November 1, 2021, uses the phrase “the original issue date of Requirements Bulletin 707A3544 RB” this AD requires using “the effective date of this AD.”

(2) Where the Compliance Time columns of the tables in the “Compliance” paragraph of Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 727–57A0190 RB, dated September 13, 2021, uses the phrase “the original issue date of Requirements Bulletin 727–57A0190 RB” this AD requires using “the effective date of this AD.”

(3) Where Boeing 707 Alert Requirements Bulletin A3544 RB, dated November 1, 2021, specifies contacting Boeing for repair instructions: This AD requires doing the repair using a method approved in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (j) of this AD.

(4) Where Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 727–57A0190 RB, dated September 13, 2021, specifies contacting Boeing for repair instructions: This AD requires doing the repair using a method approved in

accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (j) of this AD.

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

(1) The Manager, Los Angeles 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 responsible Flight Standards 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)(1) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: [9-ANM-LAACO-AMOC-Requests@faa.gov](mailto:9-ANM-LAACO-AMOC-Requests@faa.gov).

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(3) An AMOC that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used for any repair, modification, or alteration required by this AD if it is approved by The Boeing Company Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) that has been authorized by the Manager, Los Angeles ACO Branch, FAA, to make those findings. To be approved, the repair method, modification deviation, or alteration deviation must meet the certification basis of the airplane, and the approval must specifically refer to this AD.

#### (k) Additional Information

(1) For more information about this AD, contact Sean Newell, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Section, FAA, Los Angeles ACO Branch, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, CA 90712–4137; phone: 562–627–5266; email: [Sean.M.Newell@faa.gov](mailto:Sean.M.Newell@faa.gov).

(2) Service information identified in this AD that is not incorporated by reference is available at the addresses specified in paragraphs (l)(3) and (4) of this AD.

#### (l) Material Incorporated by Reference

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

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

(i) Boeing 707 Alert Requirements Bulletin A3544 RB, dated November 1, 2021.

(ii) Boeing Alert Requirements Bulletin 727–57A0190 RB, dated September 13, 2021.

(3) For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, Attention: Contractual & Data Services (C&DS), 2600 Westminister Blvd., MC 110–SK57, Seal Beach, CA 90740–5600; telephone 562–797–1717; website [myboeingfleet.com](http://myboeingfleet.com).

(4) 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.

(5) You may view this service information that is incorporated by reference at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA,

*fr.inspection@nara.gov*, or go to:  
*www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html*.

Issued on November 22, 2022.

**Christina Underwood,**

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Division, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA–2022–0922; Airspace  
Docket No. 22–ASO–15]

**RIN 2120–AA66**

#### **Establishment of Class D Airspace and Amendment of Class E Airspace; Selma, AL**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action establishes Class D airspace for Craig Field, Selma, AL, as a new air traffic control tower will service the airport. This action also amends Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface by updating the radius and geographic coordinates of the airport. Controlled airspace is necessary for the safety and management of instrument flight rules (IFR) operations in the area.

**DATES:** Effective 0901 UTC, February 23, 2023. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

**ADDRESSES:** FAA Order JO 7400.11G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at *www.faa.gov/air\_traffic/publications/*. For further information, contact the Airspace Policy Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20591; Telephone: (202) 267–8783.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Fornito, Operations Support Group, Eastern Service Center, Federal Aviation Administration, 1701 Columbia Avenue, College Park, GA 30337; Telephone (404) 305–6364.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Authority for This Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code.

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. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it establishes Class D airspace and amends Class E airspace in Selma, AL, to support IFR operations in the area.

##### **History**

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 49783, August 12, 2022) for Docket No. FAA–2022–0922 to establish Class D airspace and amend Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Craig Field Airport, Selma, AL.

Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received.

Class D and E airspace designations are published in Paragraphs 5000 and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order JO 7400.11G, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class D and E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in FAA Order JO 7400.11.

##### **Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference**

This document amends FAA Order JO 7400.11G, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022. FAA Order JO 7400.11G is publicly available as listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. FAA Order JO 7400.11G lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic routes, and reporting points.

##### **The Rule**

The FAA is amending 14 CFR part 71 by establishing Class D airspace in Selma, AL, as a new air traffic control tower will service Craig Field Airport. Also, Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface at Craig Field Airport is amended as an airspace evaluation determined the radius required an increase to 10.2 miles (formerly 7 miles), as well as updating the airport's geographic coordinates to

coincide with the FAA's database. In addition, the city name is removed from the second line of the Class E descriptor header, as per FAA Order 7400.2N.

Class D and E airspace designations are published in Paragraphs 5000 and 6005, respectively, of FAA Order JO 7400.11G, dated August 19, 2022, and effective September 15, 2022, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in FAA Order JO 7400.11.

FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

##### **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (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) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is minimal. Since this is a routine matter that only affects air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, does not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

##### **Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, “Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures,” paragraphs 5–6.5a.

This airspace action is not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances warrant the preparation of an environmental assessment.

##### **Lists of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air)

##### **Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows: