

TABLE 2—INSPECTIONS

Reference No.	Description	Compliance time (whichever occurs later)		Repeat inspection interval
		Threshold	Grace period	
28-41-01-720-001-A00 ..	Functionally Check Fuel Conditioning Unit (FCU).	Before the accumulation of 10,000 total flight hours on the FCU.	Within 90 days after December 16, 2008.	10,000 flight hours on the FCU since the last functional check.
28-46-05-720-001-A00 ..	Functionally Check Auxiliary Fuel Conditioning Unit (VFCU).	Before the accumulation of 10,000 total flight hours on the auxiliary FCU.	Within 90 days after December 16, 2008.	10,000 flight hours on the auxiliary FCU since the last functional check.

(2) After accomplishing the actions specified in paragraphs (g)(1) of this AD, no alternative inspections, or inspection intervals, may be used unless the inspections or intervals are approved as an alternative method of compliance (AMOC) in accordance with the procedures specified in paragraph (h) of this AD.

#### FAA AD Differences

**Note 2:** This AD differs from the MCAI and/or service information as follows:

(1) The MCAI specifies a compliance date of "Before December 31, 2008" for doing the ALI revisions. We have already issued regulations that require operators to revise their maintenance/inspection programs to address fuel tank safety issues. The compliance date for these regulations is December 16, 2008. To provide for coordinated implementation of these regulations and this AD, we are using this same compliance date in this AD.

(2) The MCAI specifies a compliance time of 180 days to revise the ALS of the ICA to incorporate items 1, 2, and 3 of Section A2.4 of Appendix 2 of the MPG. This AD requires a compliance time of 90 days to do this revision. This difference has been coordinated with ANAC.

(3) EMBRAER Legacy BJ—Maintenance Planning Guide MPG—1483, Revision 5, dated March 22, 2007, specifies compliance times to do tasks 28-41-01-720-001-A00 and 28-46-05-720-001-A00 for certain components based on flight hours of the airplane. This AD requires that the tasks be done at compliance times based on flight hours of the component.

#### Other FAA AD Provisions

(h) The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. Send information to ATTN: Sanjay Ralhan, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 227-1405; fax (425) 227-1149. Before using any approved AMOC on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify your appropriate principal inspector (PI) in the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), or lacking a PI, your local FSDO.

(2) *Airworthy Product:* For any requirement in this AD to obtain corrective actions from

a manufacturer or other source, use these actions if they are FAA-approved. Corrective actions are considered FAA-approved if they are approved by the State of Design Authority (or their delegated agent). You are required to assure the product is airworthy before it is returned to service.

(3) *Reporting Requirements:* For any reporting requirement in this AD, under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements and has assigned OMB Control Number 2120-0056.

#### Related Information

(i) Refer to Brazilian Airworthiness Directive 2007-08-01, effective September 27, 2007; and Sections A2.5.2, Fuel System Limitation Items, and A2.4, Critical Design Configuration Control Limitation (CDCCL), of Appendix 2 of the MPG; for related information.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on September 26, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2007-28035; Directorate Identifier 2006-NM-293-AD]

**RIN 2120-AA64**

#### Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767 Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM); reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** We are revising an earlier proposed airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Boeing Model 767 airplanes. The original NPRM would have required sealing certain fasteners and stiffeners in the fuel tank, and changing certain wire bundle clamp

configurations on the fuel tank walls. The original NPRM resulted from fuel system reviews conducted by the manufacturer. This action revises the original NPRM by adding inspections, for certain airplanes, of additional fasteners in the fuel tanks and of the method of attachment of the vortex generators, and corrective action if necessary. We are proposing this supplemental NPRM to prevent possible ignition sources in the auxiliary fuel tank, main fuel tanks, and surge tanks caused by a wiring short or lightning strike, which could result in fuel tank explosions and consequent loss of the airplane.

**DATES:** We must receive comments on this supplemental NPRM by November 10, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

For service information identified in this AD, contact Boeing Commercial Airplanes, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207.

#### Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>; or in person at the Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this proposed AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Office

(telephone (800) 647-5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Judy Coyle, Aerospace Engineer, Propulsion Branch, ANM-140S, FAA, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 917-6497; fax (425) 917-6590.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Comments Invited**

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments about this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed under the **ADDRESSES** section. Include "Docket No. FAA-2007-28035; Directorate Identifier 2006-NM-293-AD" at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposed AD because of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact we receive about this proposed AD.

##### **Discussion**

We issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) (the "original NPRM") to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an airworthiness directive (AD) that would apply to certain Boeing Model 767 airplanes. That original NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on April 30, 2007 (72 FR 21166). That original NPRM proposed to require sealing certain fasteners and stiffeners in the fuel tank, and changing certain wire bundle clamp configurations on the fuel tank walls.

##### **Actions Since Original NPRM Was Issued**

The NPRM referred to Boeing Alert Service Bulletins 767-57A0102, dated October 25, 2006, and 767-57A0100, dated August 21, 2006, as the appropriate sources of service information for the proposed requirements. Since we issued the NPRM, Boeing revised the service bulletins.

Service Bulletin 767-57A0102, Revision 1, dated November 27, 2007, provides the following changes:

- Corrects the specified location of fasteners that must be sealed on the rear spar in the auxiliary fuel tank;

- Corrects the specified location of fasteners that must be sealed at rib 28 on the front spar;
- Adds work packages, for airplanes on which the original issue of the service bulletin was accomplished, for general visual inspections of the sealant of the fasteners in the auxiliary fuel tank center bay and the fasteners at rib 28 of the left and right main fuel tanks, and sealing any unsealed fasteners;
- Identifies additional access doors necessary for access to the fuel tanks; and
- Specifies permitted alternative fuel tank sealants.

The new work packages are necessary because the original issue of this service bulletin specified incorrect locations for certain fasteners on the rear spar of the auxiliary fuel tank and the front spar of the main wing. If the correct fasteners are not sealed, there is a risk that arcing from a short can enter the fuel tank and become an ignition source. We have revised paragraphs (c) and (g) of this supplemental NPRM to refer to Revision 1 of the service bulletin.

Service Bulletin 767-57A0100, Revision 1, dated June 19, 2008, adds procedures for certain airplanes (Group 3 airplanes) for a general visual inspection to determine the method of attachment of the vortex generators. For vortex generators attached with adhesive alone, no more work is necessary. For vortex generators attached with fasteners, the service bulletin provides procedures for sealing the fasteners.

##### **Comments**

We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this AD. We considered the comments received.

##### **Support for the NPRM**

Continental Airlines has no objection to the NPRM. The Air Transport Association (ATA) agrees with the intent of the NPRM. American Airlines understands and agrees with our efforts to prevent the identified unsafe condition.

##### **Request for Warranty Coverage**

Hawaiian Airlines questions why Service Bulletin 767-57A0102 is not covered under warranty. The commenter states that the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) should cover the costs to do the required extra protection for fuel ignition shorts. The commenter added that 335 work hours and about \$2,000 for parts per airplane is very costly for airline operators.

We have no involvement in warranty agreements between the airlines and the

OEM. We have not changed the final rule regarding this issue.

##### **Request To Extend Compliance Time**

The ATA and American Airlines request that we extend the proposed compliance time from 60 months to 72 months. The longer interval would minimize fuel tank entry and corresponds to the existing "4C" maintenance interval established by the Boeing 767 Maintenance Review Board (MRB), when significant maintenance (such as maintenance requiring fuel tank entry) is scheduled. The ATA states that the use of that interval would avoid the need to accomplish the proposed actions in portions of airline inventories during unique, unscheduled visits. American Airlines states that its cost to comply with the AD would be 7 percent higher with the proposed 60-month compliance time (versus a 72-month compliance time).

While we agree that reducing fuel tank entries minimizes both the potential for damage and the disruption to operators' maintenance schedules, we find that extending the compliance time is not appropriate. In developing the compliance time for this AD action, we considered not only the safety implications of the identified unsafe condition, but the average utilization rate of the affected fleet, the practical aspects of accomplishing the AD on the fleet during regular maintenance periods, the availability of required parts, and the time necessary for the rulemaking process. The proposed compliance time was determined to be appropriate. However, paragraph (h) of this supplemental NPRM would provide operators the opportunity to request adjustments to the compliance time and submit data to substantiate that such an adjustment would provide an acceptable level of safety. We have not changed this supplemental NPRM regarding this issue.

##### **Clarification of Inspection Type**

In this supplemental NPRM, the "general visual inspection" specified in Revision 1 of the referenced service information is referred to as a "detailed inspection." We have included the definition for a detailed inspection in a note in the supplemental NPRM.

##### **FAA's Determination and Proposed Requirements of the Supplemental NPRM**

We are proposing this supplemental NPRM because we evaluated all pertinent information and determined that an unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

Certain changes described above expand the scope of the original NPRM. As a result, we have determined that it is necessary to reopen the comment period to provide additional opportunity for

the public to comment on this supplemental NPRM.

#### Costs of Compliance

There are about 925 airplanes of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The following table provides the

estimated costs for U.S. operators to comply with this proposed AD. There are no U.S.-registered airplanes in Group 3 of Service Bulletin 767–57A0102. The average labor rate is \$80 per work hour.

ESTIMATED COSTS

Service Bulletin	Group	Work hours	Parts	Cost per airplane	Number of U.S.-registered airplanes	Fleet cost
767–57A0100 .....	1	6	minimal .....	\$480	341	\$163,680
	2	114	minimal .....	9,120	21	191,520
	3	1	none .....	80	17	1,360
767–57A0102 .....	1	246	1,632 .....	21,312	341	7,267,392
	2	874	1,304 .....	71,224	21	1,495,704
	3	24	338 .....	2,258	0	0

#### 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.

We are 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

We 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. Is not a "significant rule" under the DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034, February 26, 1979), 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.

You can find our regulatory evaluation and the estimated costs of compliance in the AD Docket.

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

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

#### The Proposed Amendment

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

#### PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

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

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40113, 44701.

##### § 39.13 [Amended]

2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new AD:

**Boeing:** Docket No. FAA–2007–28035; Directorate Identifier 2006–NM–293–AD.

#### Comments Due Date

(a) We must receive comments by November 10, 2008.

#### Affected ADs

(b) None.

#### Applicability

(c) This AD applies to Model 767–200, –300, –300F, and –400ER series airplanes; certificated in any category; as identified in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 767–57A0100, Revision 1, dated June 19, 2008; and Boeing Service Bulletin 767–57A0102, Revision 1, dated November 27, 2007.

#### Unsafe Condition

(d) This AD results from fuel system reviews conducted by the manufacturer. We are issuing this AD to prevent possible ignition sources in the auxiliary fuel tank,

main fuel tanks, and surge tanks caused by a wiring short or lightning strike, which could result in fuel tank explosions and consequent loss of the airplane.

#### Compliance

(e) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified, unless the actions have already been done.

#### Fastener Sealant Application

(f) For airplanes identified in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 767–57A0100, Revision 1, dated June 19, 2008: Within 60 months after the effective date of this AD, do the actions in paragraphs (f)(1) and (f)(2) of this AD. Do the actions in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin, as applicable.

(1) For Groups 1 and 2 airplanes: Seal the ends of the fasteners on the brackets that hold the vortex generators, and seal the ends of the fasteners on certain stiffeners on the rear spar, as applicable.

(2) For Group 3 airplanes: Do a detailed inspection to determine the method of attachment of the vortex generators, and, before further flight, do all applicable specified corrective actions.

#### Wire Bundle Sleeve and Clamp Installation and Fastener Sealant Application

(g) For airplanes identified in Boeing Service Bulletin 767–57A0102, Revision 1, dated November 27, 2007: Within 60 months after the effective date of this AD, do the actions specified in paragraphs (g)(1), (g)(2), and (g)(3) of this AD, as applicable. Do the actions in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin.

(1) Change the wire bundle clamp configurations at specified locations on the fuel tank walls.

(2) Seal the fasteners and certain stiffeners at specified locations on the fuel tank.

(3) Do a detailed inspection of the sealant of the fasteners in the auxiliary tank center bay and rib 28 of the left and right main fuel tanks. Seal any unsealed fasteners before further flight.

**Note 1:** For the purposes of this AD, a detailed inspection is: "An intensive examination of a specific item, installation, or assembly to detect damage, failure, or irregularity. Available lighting is normally supplemented with a direct source of good lighting at an intensity deemed appropriate. Inspection aids such as mirror, magnifying lenses, etc., may be necessary. Surface cleaning and elaborate procedures may be required."

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(h)(1) The Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, ATTN: Judy Coyle, Aerospace Engineer, ANM-140S, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 917-6497; fax (425) 917-6590; has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested in accordance with the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

(2) To request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD, follow the procedures in 14 CFR 39.19. Before using any approved AMOC on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify your appropriate principal inspector (PI) in the FAA Flight Standards District Office (FSDO), or lacking a PI, your local FSDO.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on October 6, 2008.

**Ali Bahrami,**

Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate,  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R09-OAR-2008-0693; FRL-8729-4]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: 1-Hour Ozone Extreme Area Plan for San Joaquin Valley, CA

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve state implementation plan revisions submitted by the State of California to meet the Clean Air Act (CAA) requirements applicable to the San Joaquin Valley (SJV), California 1-hour ozone nonattainment area. These requirements applied to the SJV following its reclassification from severe to extreme for the 1-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard on April 16, 2004. Although EPA subsequently revoked the 1-hour ozone standard effective June 15, 2005, the requirement to submit a plan for that standard

remains in effect for the SJV. EPA is proposing to approve the SIP revisions for the SJV as meeting applicable CAA requirements except for the provision addressing the reasonably available control technology requirements that the State has withdrawn.

**DATES:** Comments may be submitted until November 17, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments, identified by docket number EPA-R09-OAR-2008-0693, by one of the following methods:

1. *Agency Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. EPA prefers receiving comments through this electronic public docket and comment system. Follow the on-line instructions to submit comments.

2. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions.

3. *E-mail:* [wicher.frances@epa.gov](mailto:wicher.frances@epa.gov)

4. *Mail or deliver:* Marty Robin, Office of Air Planning (AIR-2), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

**Instructions:** All comments will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information that you consider CBI or otherwise protected should be clearly identified as such and should not be submitted through the agency Web site, eRulemaking portal, or e-mail. The agency Web site and eRulemaking portal are anonymous access systems, and EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send e-mail directly to EPA, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the public comment. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

**Docket:** The index to the docket for this action is available electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov> and in hard copy at EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California. While all documents in the docket are listed in the index, some information may be publicly available only at the hard copy location (e.g., copyrighted material), and some may not be publicly available in either location (e.g., CBI). To inspect the hard copy materials, please schedule an appointment during normal business hours with the contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frances Wicher, U.S. EPA Region 9, 415-972-3957, [wicher.frances@epa.gov](mailto:wicher.frances@epa.gov) or <http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/actions>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document, the terms "we," "us," and "our" mean U.S. EPA.

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#### I. Background

##### A. What is the history of 1-hour ozone air quality planning in the SJV?

The San Joaquin Valley 1-hour ozone nonattainment area (SJV) includes the following counties in California's central valley: San Joaquin, part of Kern, Fresno, Kings, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and Tulare. 40 CFR 81.305.

Upon enactment of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, the SJV was classified by operation of law as a serious nonattainment area with an attainment date of no later than November 15, 1999. 56 FR 56694 (November 6, 1991). On November 15, 1994, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) submitted "The 1994 California State Implementation Plan for Ozone" (1994 SIP), a comprehensive ozone plan for the State of California that included a local nonattainment plan developed for the SJV by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD or the District). On January 8, 1997, EPA approved the 1994 SIP. 62 FR 1150.

On November 8, 2001, EPA found that the SJV had failed to attain the 1-hour ozone standard by the serious area deadline of November 15, 1999 and reclassified the area by operation of law to severe. 66 FR 56476. In the final