

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 (b) 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 a life raft from falling from its stowage compartment, and consequently injuring nearby occupants or delaying or impeding the evacuation of passengers during an emergency landing, accomplish the following:

(a) Within 18 months after the effective date of this AD, replace the stringer clip(s) with a new stringer clip(s), and modify the life raft support structure and/or life raft door, as applicable, in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin 757-25-0180, dated October 9, 1997.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(b) 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, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO.

Note 2: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle ACO.

Special Flight Permits

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

Incorporation by Reference

(d) The replacement and modification shall be done in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin 757-25-0180, dated October 9, 1997. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(e) This amendment becomes effective on April 5, 1999.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on February 18, 1999.

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Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 98-ANE-76-AD; Amendment 39-11053; AD 99-05-05]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; International Aero Engines AG (IAE) V2500-A1 Series Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to International Aero Engines AG (IAE) V2500-A1 series turbofan engines, that requires initial and repetitive inspections of certain High Pressure Turbine (HPT) stage 1 and stage 2 disks utilizing an improved ultrasonic method when the disks are exposed during a normal shop visit, and if a subsurface anomaly is found, removal from service and replacement with a serviceable part. This amendment is prompted by the results of a stage 1 HPT disk fracture investigation which has identified a population of HPT stage 1 and 2 disks that may have subsurface anomalies formed as a result of the processes used to manufacture the material. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent HPT disk fracture, which could result in an uncontained engine failure, and damage to the airplane.

DATES: Effective April 30, 1999.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of April 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Rolls-Royce Commercial Aero Engine Limited, P. O. Box 31, Derby, England, DE2488J, Attention: Publication Services ICL-TP. This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800

North Capitol Street, NW, suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Cook, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (781) 238-7133, fax (781) 238-7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to International Aero Engines AG (IAE) V2500-A1 series turbofan engines was published in the **Federal Register** on January 6, 1999 (64 FR 787). That action proposed to require initial and repetitive inspections of certain High Pressure Turbine (HPT) stage 1 and stage 2 disks utilizing an improved ultrasonic method when the disks are exposed during a normal shop visit. The action also proposed removal from service and replacement with a serviceable part in accordance with IAE Service Bulletin (SB) No. V2500-ENG-72-0344, dated December 18, 1998, if a subsurface anomaly is found.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. Due consideration has been given to the comments received.

One commenter supports the proposed actions contained in the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

One commenter notes that its operators are not affected by the proposed actions contained in the NPRM.

One commenter suggests changing some of the wording in the discussion section of the NPRM to more accurately describe the process by which a defect within the HPT stage 1 and stage 2 disks may have occurred. The FAA concurs and has made an appropriate wording change in the summary section.

After careful review of the available data, including the comments noted above, the FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed. The FAA has determined that these changes will neither increase the economic burden on any operator nor increase the scope of the AD.

The regulations adopted herein will 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. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this final rule does not have sufficient federalism

implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

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) 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 final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained from the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption ADDRESSES.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) as follows:

PART 39—AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

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

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

§ 39.13 [Amended]

2. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

99-05-05 International Aero Engines:

Amendment 39-11053. Docket 98-ANE-76-AD.

Applicability: International Aero Engines AG (IAE) Models V2500-A1 turbofan engines, installed on but not limited to Airbus Industrie A320 series airplanes.

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

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent a high pressure turbine (HPT) disk fracture, which could result in an uncontained engine failure, and damage to the airplane, accomplish the following:

(a) Ultrasonic inspect for subsurface anomalies those HPT stage 1 and stage 2 disks, with serial numbers listed in Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 of IAE Service Bulletin (SB) V2500-ENG-72-0344, dated December 18, 1998, at the first opportunity when the engine is disassembled sufficiently to afford access to the High Pressure Turbine (HPT)

subassembly, or no later than 10,000 cycles in service (CIS) from the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first, in accordance with Paragraphs F (1) and (2) of IAE SB V2500-ENG-72-0344, dated December 18, 1998.

(b) Thereafter, repetitively ultrasonic inspect for subsurface anomalies those HPT disks identified in paragraph (a) whenever the engine is disassembled sufficiently to afford access to the HPT subassembly, or no later than 12,000 CIS since last ultrasonic inspection, whichever occurs first, in accordance with Paragraph F (1) and (2) of IAE SB V2500-ENG-72-0344, dated December 18, 1998.

(c) Those HPT disks rejected at inspection may not be reinstalled and must be replaced with a serviceable part.

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

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

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

(f) The inspections must be done in accordance with the following International Aero Engines SB:

Document No.	Pages	Revision	Date
V2500-ENG-72-0344	1-8	Original	Dec. 18, 1998.
Total pages: 8			

This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Rolls-Royce Commercial Aero Engine Limited, P. O. Box 31, Derby, England, DE2488J, Attention: Publication Services ICL-TP. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, suite 700, Washington, DC.

(g) This amendment becomes effective on April 30, 1999.

Issued in Burlington, Massachusetts, on February 19, 1999.

Ronald L. Vavruska,

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. 98-CE-100-AD; Amendment 39-10974; AD 99-01-07]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Jetstream Model 3101 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Direct final rule; confirmation of effective date.

SUMMARY: This action confirms the effective date of Airworthiness Directive (AD) 99-01-07, which applies to certain British Aerospace Jetstream Model 3101

airplanes. AD 99-01-07 requires installing additional stringers at the lower fuselage skin panels between the main and rear spar frames. This AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for the United Kingdom. The actions specified in this AD are intended to correct a strength deficiency in the area of the lower fuselage skin panels between the main rear spar frames, which, if not corrected, could result in reduced or loss of control of the airplane during maximum speed limit operations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 19, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. S.M. Nagarajan, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 1201 Walnut, suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri