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## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

### 11 CFR Part 108

[Notice 2000-12]

#### Filing Copies of Campaign Finance Reports and Statements With State Officers

**AGENCY:** Federal Election Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule; announcement of effective date.

**SUMMARY:** On March 22, 2000 at 65 FR 15221, the Commission published the text of revised regulations governing filing of campaign finance reports with State officers and the duties of State officers concerning the reports. The Commission announces that these rules are effective as of June 7, 2000.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The amendment to 11 CFR 108.1, 108.2, 108.3, 108.4, and 108.6 as published at 65 FR 15221 (March 22, 2000), are effective as of June 7, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Rosemary C. Smith, Assistant General Counsel, or Ms. Rita A. Reimer, Attorney, 999 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20463, (202) 694-1650 or toll free (800) 424-9530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission is announcing the effective date of revised regulations at 11 CFR Part 108, governing filing copies of campaign finance reports and statements with State officers. These rules implement a 1995 amendment to the Federal Election Campaign Act at 2 U.S.C. 439(c) that exempts States meeting certain criteria from receipt and maintenance requirements for reports filed in connection with federal elections.

The statutory amendment specifically covers reports and statements filed with the Commission, *i.e.*, all except those filed by Senate candidates, their authorized committees, and committees

that support or oppose them, which are filed with the Secretary of the Senate. The new rules also exempt from State receipt and maintenance requirements reports filed with the Secretary of the Senate that can be accessed electronically from the Commission's Web site, [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov).

Section 438(d) of Title 2, United States Code, requires that any rules or regulations prescribed by the Commission to carry out the provisions of Title 2 of the United States Code be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate thirty legislative days prior to final promulgation. These rules were transmitted to Congress on March 17, 2000. Thirty legislative days expired in the Senate on May 16, 2000, and the House of Representatives on May 23, 2000.

**Darryl R. Wold,**

*Chairman, Federal Election Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 98-NM-311-AD; Amendment 39-11744; AD 2000-10-20]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Lockheed Model L-1011-385 Series Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to all Lockheed Model L-1011-385 series airplanes, that requires repetitive inspections to detect cracking of the fuselage skin in the areas of the left- and right-hand stringerless sidewall window belts, and repair, if necessary. This amendment is prompted by reports of fatigue cracks found in the fuselage skin where the skin thickness steps from 0.40 to 0.23 inch. The actions specified by this AD are intended to detect and correct cracking of the fuselage skin, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

**DATES:** Effective July 12, 2000. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of July 12, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Lockheed Martin Aircraft & Logistics Center, 120 Orion Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29605.

This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, Rules Docket, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office, One Crown Center, 1895 Phoenix Boulevard, suite 450, Atlanta, Georgia; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Peters, Aerospace Engineer, Systems and Flight Test Branch, ACE-116A, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office, One Crown Center, 1895 Phoenix Boulevard, suite 450, Atlanta, Georgia 30349; telephone (770) 703-6063; fax (770) 703-6097.

**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 all Lockheed Model L-1011-385 series airplanes was published in the **Federal Register** on February 16, 2000 (65 FR 7801). That action proposed to require repetitive inspections to detect cracking of the fuselage skin in the areas of the left- and right-hand stringerless sidewall window belts, and repair, if necessary.

#### Comments

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were submitted in response to the proposal or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public.

#### Conclusion

The FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed.

#### Cost Impact

There are approximately 235 airplanes of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 117 airplanes of U.S. registry will be

affected by this AD, that it will take approximately 48 work hours per airplane to accomplish the required inspection, and that the average labor rate is \$60 per work hour. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$336,960, or \$2,880 per airplane.

The cost impact figure discussed above is based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the requirements of this AD action, and that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this AD were not adopted.

### Regulatory Impact

The regulations adopted herein 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. Therefore, it is determined that this final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

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:

**2000-10-20 Lockheed:** Amendment 39-11744. Docket 98-NM-311-AD.

**Applicability:** All Model L-1011-385 series airplanes, as listed in Lockheed Service Bulletin 093-53-279, dated May 6, 1998; certificated in any category.

**Note 1:** This AD applies to each airplane 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 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 (f) 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 detect and correct cracking of the fuselage skin, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane, accomplish the following:

(a) Perform an ultrasonic inspection on the fuselage skin in the area of the stringerless sidewall window belts, at the radii on both the forward and aft sides of the machined cutout where the fuselage skin steps from 0.40 to 0.23 inch, to detect cracking in the base of the radii. Accomplish the inspection in accordance with Lockheed Service Bulletin 093-53-279, dated May 6, 1998, at each of the 6 specific inspection zones identified in the service bulletin at the later of the times specified in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this AD.

(1) Prior to the accumulation of 20,000 total flight cycles; or

(2) Within 600 flight cycles or 6 months after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first.

(b) For readings of less than 20 percent obtained at all 6 inspection zones during the ultrasonic inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD: Repeat the ultrasonic inspection thereafter at intervals not to exceed 1,500 flight cycles.

(c) Except as provided by paragraph (e) of this AD: For any reading of 20 percent or greater and less than or equal to 50 percent obtained at any inspection zone during the ultrasonic inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD, prior to further flight, perform a low frequency eddy current (LFEC) inspection to measure the depth of the cracking, in accordance with Lockheed Service Bulletin 093-53-279, dated May 6, 1998.

(1) If the results of the LFEC inspection are outside the reject zone, as defined in the service bulletin: Within 1,500 flight cycles, repeat both the ultrasonic and LFEC inspections specified by paragraphs (a) and (c), respectively, of this AD.

(i) If the results of the LFEC inspection specified by paragraph (c)(1) of this AD are outside the reject zone: Within 1,800 flight cycles after the initial crack finding, as detected during the ultrasonic inspection specified in paragraph (a) of this AD, repair

any affected inspection zone in accordance with Part II of the Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin. Such repair constitutes terminating action for the repetitive inspection requirements of this AD for the repaired inspection zone only.

(ii) If the results of the LFEC inspection specified by paragraph (c)(1) of this AD are within the reject zone: Prior to further flight, repair any affected inspection zone in accordance with Part II of the Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin. Such repair constitutes terminating action for the repetitive inspection requirements of this AD for the repaired inspection zone only.

(2) If the results of the LFEC inspection are within the reject zone, as defined in the service bulletin: Prior to further flight, repair any affected inspection zone in accordance with Part II of the Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin. Such repair constitutes terminating action for the repetitive inspection requirements of this AD for the repaired inspection zone only.

(d) Except as provided by paragraph (e) of this AD: For any reading of 50 percent or greater obtained at any inspection zone during the ultrasonic inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD, prior to further flight, perform a LFEC inspection to measure the depth of the cracking, in accordance with Lockheed Service Bulletin 093-53-279, dated May 6, 1998.

(1) If the results of the LFEC inspection are outside the reject zone, as defined in the service bulletin: Within 300 flight cycles, repeat both the ultrasonic and LFEC inspections specified in paragraphs (a) and (c), respectively, of this AD.

(i) If the results of the LFEC inspection specified by paragraph (d)(1) of this AD are outside the reject zone: Within 600 flight cycles after the initial crack finding, as detected during the ultrasonic inspection specified in paragraph (a) of this AD, repair any affected inspection zone in accordance with Part II of the Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin. Such repair constitutes terminating action for the repetitive inspection requirements of this AD for the repaired inspection zone only.

(ii) If the results of the LFEC inspection specified by paragraph (d)(1) of this AD are within the reject zone: Prior to further flight, repair any affected inspection zone in accordance with Part II of the Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin. Such repair constitutes terminating action for the repetitive inspection requirements of this AD for the repaired inspection zone only.

(2) If the results from the LFEC inspection are within the reject zone, as defined in the service bulletin: Prior to further flight, repair any affected inspection zone in accordance with Part II of the Accomplishment Instructions of the service bulletin. Such repair constitutes terminating action for the repetitive inspection requirements of this AD for the repaired inspection zone only.

(e) For any inspection results that require repair in two adjacent zones: Prior to further flight, repair in accordance with a method approved by the Manager, Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, Small Airplane Directorate.

**Alternative Methods of Compliance**

(f) 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, Atlanta ACO. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Atlanta ACO.

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

**Special Flight Permits**

(g) 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**

(h) Except as provided by paragraph (e) of this AD, the actions shall be done in accordance with Lockheed Service Bulletin 093-53-279, dated May 6, 1998. 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 Lockheed Martin Aircraft & Logistics Center, 120 Orion Street, Greenville, South Carolina 29605. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office, One Crown Center, 1895 Phoenix Boulevard, suite 450, Atlanta, Georgia; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(i) This amendment becomes effective on July 12, 2000.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on May 17, 2000.

**Donald L. Riggin,**

*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-CE-56-AD; Amendment 39-11764; AD 2000-11-16]

RIN 2120-AA64

**Airworthiness Directives; Ayres Corporation S2R Series and Model 600 S2D Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment supersedes Airworthiness Directive (AD) 97-17-03,

which currently requires you to accomplish the following on Ayres Corporation (Ayres) S2R Series and Model 600 S2D airplanes: inspect the ¼-inch and 5/16-inch bolt hole areas on the lower spar caps for fatigue cracking; replace any lower spar cap where fatigue cracking is found; and report any fatigue cracking. This AD retains the inspection and replacement (if necessary) requirements of the lower spar caps that are currently required in AD 97-17-03. This AD also makes these inspections repetitive, adds additional airplanes to the Applicability of the AD, changes the initial compliance time for all airplanes, and arranges the affected airplanes into groups (six) based on usage and configurations. The existing AD was the result of an accident of an Ayres S2R series airplane where the wing separated from the airplane in flight. The actions specified by this AD are intended to detect and correct fatigue cracking of the lower spar caps, which could result in the wing separating from the airplane with consequent loss of control of the airplane.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective on July 25, 2000.

The Director of the **Federal Register** approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations as of July 25, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** You may get the service information referenced in this AD from the Ayres Corporation, P.O. Box 3090, One Rockwell Avenue, Albany, Georgia 31706-3090. You may examine this information at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 98-CE-56-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW, suite 700, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Satish Lall, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Atlanta Aircraft Certification Office, One Crown Center, 1895 Phoenix Boulevard, Suite 450, Atlanta, Georgia 30349; telephone: (770) 7036082; facsimile: (770) 703-6097.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Events Leading to the Issuance of This AD**

*Has FAA taken any action to this point?* An accident on an Ayres S2R series airplane where the wing separated from the airplane in flight caused FAA to issue AD 9717-03, Amendment 39-10195 (62 FR 43296, August 18, 1997). AD 97-17-03 currently requires you to accomplish the following:

- Inspect the 1/4-inch and 5/16-inch bolt hole areas on the lower spar caps for fatigue cracking;

- Replace any lower spar cap where fatigue cracking is found; and

- Report any fatigue cracking to FAA.

Investigation of all resources available to FAA at the time of the accident showed nine occurrences of fatigue cracking in the lower spar caps of Ayres S2R airplanes, specifically emanating from the ¼-inch and 5/16-inch bolt holes. Investigation of the above-referenced accident revealed that the cause can be attributed to fatigue cracks emanating from the ½-inch and 5/16-inch bolt holes in the lower spar caps. Because the Ayres Model 600 S2D airplanes have a similar type design to that of the S2R series airplanes, they were included in the Applicability of AD 97-17-03.

Data indicates that the fatigue cracks on these Ayres S2R series airplanes become detectable at different times based upon the type of engines and design of the airplane. With this in mind, FAA categorized these airplanes into three groups for the Applicability of AD 97-17-03.

Since issuing AD 97-17-03, we received data specifying 29 additional occurrences of fatigue cracks found in the lower spar caps of Ayres S2R and Model 600 S2D airplanes. The data from these occurrences indicate the following:

- Several of these occurrences involved airplanes that had not accumulated enough hours to require the initial inspection of AD 97-17-03;

- Detectable cracks could still develop after the initial inspection on the affected airplanes; and

- Ayres has manufactured additional airplanes that have a similar type design to that of the airplanes affected by AD 97-17-03. The existing AD should also cover these airplanes.

To address the above areas, FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to supersede AD 97-17-03. This NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on January 13, 1999 (64 FR 2157). The NPRM proposed to supersede AD 97-17-03 with a new AD that would:

- Retain the inspection and replacement (if necessary) requirements of the lower spar caps that are currently required in AD 97-17-03;

- Make these inspections repetitive;

- Add additional airplanes to the Applicability of the AD;

- Change the initial compliance time for all airplanes; and

- Arrange the affected airplanes into four groups instead of three based on usage and configurations.