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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of July 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Dennis K. Rathbun,**

*Director, Division of Intergovernmental Liaison and Rulemaking, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2008-0832; Directorate Identifier 2008-NM-067-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 Airplanes

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for the products listed above. This proposed AD results from mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) originated by an aviation authority of another country to identify and correct an unsafe condition on an aviation product. The MCAI describes the unsafe condition as:

In-service experience has shown that a fracture of the gerotor pump of the A320 RAT [ram air turbine] may occur. This may lead to the non-operation of the RAT in case of an in-flight deployment.

The Non-Deployment or Non-Pressurization of the RAT, associated with a double engine failure or a total loss of normal electrical power generation constitutes an unsafe condition.

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The proposed AD would require actions that are intended to address the unsafe condition described in the MCAI.

**DATES:** We must receive comments on this proposed AD by September 3, 2008.

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##### Discussion

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Community, has issued EASA Airworthiness Directive 2008-0034, dated February 20, 2008 [corrected February 21, 2008] (referred to after this as "the MCAI"), to correct an unsafe

condition for the specified products. The MCAI states:

In-service experience has shown that a fracture of the gerotor pump of the A320 RAT [ram air turbine] may occur. This may lead to the non-operation of the RAT in case of an in-flight deployment.

The Non-Deployment or Non-Pressurization of the RAT, associated with a double engine failure or a total loss of normal electrical power generation constitutes an unsafe condition.

This AD mandates the replacement of the affected gerotor pump assembly, which will provide the required improved reliability of the RAT.

The implementation of this modification was originally managed by an AIRBUS monitoring campaign. However, the rate of installation of the modification by operators has not met the predicted target. As such and to ensure continued compliance with the certification requirements it is considered necessary to require compliance by use of [an] AD.

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You may obtain further information by examining the MCAI in the AD docket.

#### Relevant Service Information

Airbus has issued Service Bulletin A320-29-1122, dated July 27, 2006. The actions described in this service information are intended to correct the unsafe condition identified in the MCAI.

#### FAA's Determination and Requirements of This Proposed AD

This product has been approved by the aviation authority of another country, and is approved for operation in the United States. Pursuant to our bilateral agreement with the State of Design Authority, we have been notified of the unsafe condition described in the MCAI and service information referenced above. We are proposing this AD because we evaluated all pertinent information and determined an unsafe condition exists and is likely to exist or develop on other products of the same type design.

#### Differences Between This AD and the MCAI or Service Information

We have reviewed the MCAI and related service information and, in general, agree with their substance. But we might have found it necessary to use different words from those in the MCAI to ensure the AD is clear for U.S. operators and is enforceable. In making these changes, we do not intend to differ substantively from the information provided in the MCAI and related service information.

We might also have proposed different actions in this AD from those in the MCAI in order to follow FAA policies. Any such differences are

highlighted in a **Note** within the proposed AD.

### Costs of Compliance

Based on the service information, we estimate that this proposed AD would affect about 758 products of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it would take about 5 work-hours per product to comply with the basic requirements of this proposed AD. The average labor rate is \$80 per work-hour. Required parts would cost about \$0 per product. Where the service information lists required parts costs that are covered under warranty, we have assumed that there will be no charge for these costs. As we do not control warranty coverage for affected parties, some parties may incur costs higher than estimated here. Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of the proposed AD on U.S. operators to be \$303,200, or \$400 per product.

### 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.

We prepared a regulatory evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this proposed AD and placed it 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:

**Airbus:** Docket No. FAA-2008-0832; Directorate Identifier 2008-NM-067-AD.

#### Comments Due Date

(a) We must receive comments by September 3, 2008.

#### Affected ADs

(b) None.

#### Applicability

(c) This AD applies to all Airbus Model A318, A319, A320, and A321 airplanes, certificated in any category; except airplanes on which AIRBUS Modification 27189 was done in production or AIRBUS Service Bulletin A320-29-1100 was done in service, and on which AIRBUS Modification 28413 was not done in production.

#### Subject

(d) Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 29: Hydraulic power.

#### Reason

(e) The mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) states:

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### Actions and Compliance

(f) Unless already done, do the following actions.

(1) Within 15 months after the effective date of this AD, identify the part number (P/N) and serial number (S/N) of the RAT in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airbus Service Bulletin A320-29-1122, dated July 27, 2006.

(2) For airplanes on which a RAT with P/N 680203037 is installed that has a S/N between 0101 and 0354 inclusive: Before further flight, replace the gerotor pump assembly and re-identify the RAT in accordance with the service bulletin.

(3) For airplanes on which a RAT with P/N 680203037 is installed that does not have a S/N between 0101 and 0354 inclusive, or a RAT with a P/N other than P/N 680203037 is installed: No further action is required by this AD.

### FAA AD Differences

**Note:** This AD differs from the MCAI and/or service information as follows: No differences.

### Other FAA AD Provisions

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

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs):* The Manager, International Branch, 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: Tim Dulin, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98057-3356; telephone (425) 227-2141; 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

(h) Refer to MCAI EASA Airworthiness Directive 2008-0034, dated February 20, 2008 [corrected February 21, 2008], and Airbus Service Bulletin A320-29-1122, dated July 27, 2006, for related information.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on July 23, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2008-0830; Directorate  
Identifier 2007-NM-285-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Dassault Model Falcon 2000EX Airplanes

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

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

**SUMMARY:** We propose to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for the products listed above that would supersede an existing AD. This proposed AD results from mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) originated by an aviation authority of another country to identify and correct an unsafe condition on an aviation product. The MCAI describes the unsafe condition as:

Investigations after a CAS (crew alerting system) message "ENG 1 FIRE DETECT FAIL" that occurred on an in-service aircraft revealed that the detector threshold tolerances could not permit to identify the failure of one single engine fire detector loop out of the two present on each engine. The fire detection system integrity is therefore not correctly monitored.

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##### Discussion

On January 5, 2007, we issued AD 2007-02-01, Amendment 39-14888 (72 FR 2177, January 18, 2007). That AD required actions intended to address an unsafe condition on the products listed above.

Since we issued AD 2007-02-01, we have determined that fire detector threshold tolerances for the affected airplanes do not identify the failure of one engine fire detector loop out of the two present on each engine. The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Community, has issued EASA Airworthiness Directive 2007-0119, dated May 2, 2007 (referred to after this

as "the MCAI"), to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states:

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Airworthiness Directive (AD) No 2006-0356-E [which corresponds to FAA AD 2007-02-01] was initially issued to mandate the verification of the fire detection system integrity by a one time inspection.

The current AD mandates installation of two new fire monitoring units of an improved design, each one of them is capable of monitoring the integrity of both detectors on the associated engine.

You may obtain further information by examining the MCAI in the AD docket.

#### Relevant Service Information

Dassault has issued Service Bulletin F2000EX-138, dated March 5, 2007. The actions described in this service information are intended to correct the unsafe condition identified in the MCAI.

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