### § 39.13 [Amended]

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

2022-02-07 Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.): Amendment 39-21904; Docket No. FAA-2021-0444; Project Identifier MCAI-2020-01601-T.

### (a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective March 15, 2022.

#### (b) Affected ADs

None.

## (c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (type certificate previously held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.) Model BD–500–1A10 and BD–500–1A11 airplanes, certificated in any category, as identified in Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) AD CF–2019–19R1, issued November 1, 2019 (TCCA AD CF–2019–19R1).

#### (d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 28, Fuel.

#### (e) Reason

This AD was prompted by reports of wear damage found between the bonding clamps and the fuel feed tubes inside the left- and right-hand fuel tanks. In one incident, the wear damage resulted in a hole in the main engine fuel feed tube located in the collector tank, and subsequent fuel imbalance during flight. The FAA is issuing this AD to address failure of certain fuel feed tubes, which could lead to a severe fuel imbalance or fuel starvation of one engine, or in the event of the failure of multiple fuel tubes feeding both engines, could result in an in-flight shutdown of both engines.

## (f) Compliance

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

## (g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, TCCA AD CF-2019-19R1.

## (h) Exceptions to TCCA AD CF-2019-19R1

- (1) Where TCCA AD CF-2019-19R1 refers to the effective date of TCCA AD CF-2019-19 (May 27, 2019), this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.
- (2) Where TCCA AD CF-2019-19R1 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.
- (3) Where TCCA AD CF–2019–19R1 refers to hours air time, this AD requires using flight hours.
- (4) Where TCCA AD CF-2019-19R1 specifies rectifying "any noted discrepancy," for this AD discrepancies are "damage, cracks, scores, scratches, nicks, and gouges."

## (i) No Reporting Requirement

Although the service information referenced in TCCA AD CF–2019–19R1 specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include that requirement.

## (j) Additional AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, New York 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 ATTN: Program Manager, Continuing Operational Safety, FAA, New York ACO Branch, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; phone: 516-228-7300; fax: 516-794-5531. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the responsible Flight Standards Office.

(2) Contacting the Manufacturer: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, New York ACO Branch, FAA; or TCCA; or Airbus Canada Limited Partnership's TCCA Design Approval Organization (DAO). If approved by the DAO, the approval must include the DAO-authorized signature.

# (k) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Joseph Catanzaro, Aviation Safety Engineer, Airframe & Propulsion Section, FAA, New York ACO Branch, 1600 Stewart Avenue, Suite 410, Westbury, NY 11590; telephone 516–228–7366; fax 516–794–5531; email 9-avs-nyaco-cos@faa.gov.

## (l) Material Incorporated by Reference

- (1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference 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 this AD specifies otherwise.
- (i) Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) AD CF-2019-19R1, issued November 1, 2019.
  - (ii) [Reserved]
- (3) For TCCA AD CF–2019–19R1, contact TCCA, Transport Canada National Aircraft Certification, 159 Cleopatra Drive, Nepean, Ontario K1A 0N5, Canada; telephone 888–663–3639; email *AD-CN@tc.gc.ca*; internet https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation.
- (4) You may view this material 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 material that is incorporated by reference at the National

Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email fr.inspection@nara.gov, or go to: https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibrlocations.html.

Issued on January 7, 2022.

## Lance T. Gant,

Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service. [FR Doc. 2022–02546 Filed 2–7–22; 8:45 am]

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### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## **Federal Aviation Administration**

### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2021-0835; Project Identifier AD-2021-00971-E; Amendment 39-21906; AD 2022-02-09]

## RIN 2120-AA64

# Airworthiness Directives; International Aero Engines AG Turbofan Engines

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2021–11– 15 for certain International Aero Engines AG (IAE) V2500 model turbofan engines. AD 2021-11-15 required performance of an ultrasonic inspection (USI) of the high-pressure turbine (HPT) 1st-stage disk and HPT 2nd-stage disk and, depending on the results of the inspections, replacement of the HPT 1ststage disk or HPT 2nd-stage disk. Since the FAA issued AD 2021–11–15, the FAA determined the need to clarify the compliance time for inspection of any HPT 1st-stage disk or HPT 2nd-stage disk that is installed on a low-thrust model engine but had been previously operated on a high-thrust model engine. This AD requires performance of a USI of the HPT 1st-stage disk and HPT 2ndstage disk and, depending on the results of the inspections, replacement of the HPT 1st-stage disk or HPT 2nd-stage disk. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective March 15, 2022.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of March 15, 2022.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain other publication listed in this AD as of July 13, 2021 (86 FR 30380, June 8, 2021).

**ADDRESSES:** For service information identified in this final rule, contact International Aero Engines AG, 400 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06118; phone: (800) 565-0140; email: help24@ prattwhitnev.com; website: https:// connect.prattwhitney.com. You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222-5110. It is also available at https://www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2021-0835.

# **Examining the AD Docket**

You may examine the AD docket at https://www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2021–0835; 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.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alberto Hernandez, Aviation Safety Engineer, ECO Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: (781) 238–7329; fax: (781) 238–7199; email: *Alberto.J.Hernandez@faa.gov*.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## Background

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to supersede AD 2021–11–15, Amendment 39–21577 (86 FR 30380, June 8, 2021), (AD 2021–11–15). AD

2021-11-15 applied to all IAE V2522-A5, V2524–A5, V2525–D5, V2527–A5, V2527E–A5, V2527M–A5, V2528–D5, V2530-A5, V2531-E5, and V2533-A5 model turbofan engines with a certain HPT 1st-stage disk or HPT 2nd stage disk installed. The NPRM published in the Federal Register on October 28, 2021 (86 FR 59658). The NPRM was prompted by the FAA determining the need to clarify the compliance time for inspection of any HPT 1st-stage disk or HPT 2nd-stage disk that is installed on a V2500 low-thrust model engine but that had been previously operated on a V2500 high-thrust model engine. The manufacturer categorizes V2527E-A5, V2527M-A5, V2528-D5, V2530-A5, and V2533-A5 model turbofan engines as high-thrust model engines and V2522-A5, V2524-A5, V2525-D5, and V2527–A model turbofan engines as low-thrust model engines. The FAA determined that any HPT 1st-stage disk and HPT 2nd-stage disk that was operated on a high-thrust model engine must follow shortened compliance thresholds. In the NPRM, the FAA proposed to require the performance of a USI of the HPT 1st-stage disk and HPT 2nd-stage disk and, depending on the results of the inspections, replacement of the HPT 1st-stage disk or HPT 2ndstage disk.

# Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

# Comments

The FAA received comments from two commenters. Commenters included Air Line Pilots Association, International and United Airlines Engineering. All commenters supported the NPRM without change.

# Conclusion

The FAA reviewed the relevant data, considered the comments received, and

determined that air safety requires adopting the 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.

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

The FAA reviewed IAE Non-Modification Service Bulletin (NMSB) No. V2500-ENG-72-0713, Revision 1, dated January 26, 2021. This NMSB identifies the affected HPT 1st-stage disks and HPT 2nd-stage disks on IAE V2522-A5, V2524-A5, V2525-D5, V2527-A5, V2527E-A5, V2527M-A5, V2528-D5, V2530-A5, and V2533-A5 model turbofan engines and specifies procedures for a USI of the HPT 1ststage disk and HPT 2nd-stage disk. The Director of the Federal Register approved IAE NMSB V2500-ENG-72-0713, Revision 1, dated January 26, 2021 for incorporation by reference as of July 13, 2021 (86 FR 30380, June 8, 2021).

The FAA also reviewed IAE NMSB No. V2500–E5–72–0015, Revision 1, dated August 10, 2021. This NMSB identifies the affected HPT 1st-stage disks and HPT 2nd-stage disks on IAE V2531–E5 model turbofan engines and specifies procedures for a USI of the HPT 1st-stage disk and HPT 2nd-stage disk.

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 1,100 engines installed on 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
USI the HPT 1st-stage disk and HPT 2nd-stage disk.	20 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$1,700	\$0	\$1,700	\$1,870,000

The FAA estimates the following costs to do any necessary replacement

that is required based on the results of the inspection. The agency has no way of determining the number of aircraft that might need this replacement:

# **ON-CONDITION COSTS**

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product
Replace the HPT 1st-stage disk or HPT 2nd-stage disk.	0 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$0	\$300,000	\$300,000

The FAA has included all known costs in its cost estimate. According to the manufacturer, however, some of the costs of this AD may be covered under warranty, thereby reducing the cost impact on affected individuals.

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

## § 39.13 [Amended]

- 2. The FAA amends § 39.13 by:
- **a** a. Removing Airworthiness Directive 2021–11–15, Amendment 39–21577 (86 FR 30380, June 8, 2021); and
- b. Adding the following new airworthiness directive:

# 2022-02-09 International Aero Engines

AG: Amendment 39–21906; Docket No. FAA–2021–0835; Project Identifier AD–2021–00971–E.

## (a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective March 15, 2022.

## (b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2021–11–15, Amendment 39–21577 (86 FR 30380, June 8, 2021) (AD 2021–11–15).

# (c) Applicability

This AD applies to International Aero Engines AG (IAE) V2522–A5, V2524–A5, V2525–D5, V2527–A5, V2527E–A5, V2527M–A5, V2528–D5, V2530–A5, V2531– E5, and V2533–A5 model turbofan engines with an installed:

- (1) High-pressure turbine (HPT) 1st-stage disk, part number (P/N) 2A5001, with a serial number (S/N) listed in Appendix A, Table 1, of IAE Non-Modification Service Bulletin (NMSB) No. V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1, dated January 26, 2021 (IAE NMSB V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1) or IAE NMSB No. V2500–E5–72–0015, Revision 1, dated August 10, 2021 (IAE NMSB V2500–E5–72–0015, Revision 1); or
- (2) HPT 2nd-stage disk, P/N 2A4802, with an S/N listed in Appendix A, Table 2, of IAE NMSB V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1, or IAE NMSB V2500–E5–72–0015, Revision 1.

#### (d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 7250, Turbine Section.

### (e) Unsafe Condition

This AD was prompted by an analysis performed by the manufacturer after an event involving an uncontained failure of a HPT 1st-stage disk that resulted in high-energy debris penetrating the engine cowling. The FAA is issuing this AD to prevent failure of the HPT 1st-stage disk and HPT 2nd-stage disk. The unsafe condition, if not addressed, could result in uncontained HPT disk failure, damage to the engine, damage to the airplane, and loss of the airplane.

# (f) Compliance

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

# (g) Required Actions

(1) For IAE V2527E–A5, V2527M–A5, V2528–D5, V2530–A5, and V2533–A5 model turbofan engines with an HPT 1st-stage disk, P/N 2A5001, with an S/N listed in Appendix A, Table 1, of IAE NMSB V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1, within the compliance time specified in Figure 1 to paragraph (g)(1) of this AD, or within 10 flight cycles (FCs) after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, perform an ultrasonic inspection (USI) of the HPT 1st-stage disk using the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph 6, of IAE NMSB V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1.

Figure 1 to Paragraph (g)(1) – Inspection threshold

	Compliance time: Whichever occurs first, Row A or B
A	At the next engine shop visit after July 13, 2021 (the effective date of AD 2021-11-15)
В	Before the HPT 1st-stage disk or HPT 2nd-stage disk has accumulated 3,200 FCs since July 13, 2021

Note 1 to paragraph (g)(1): The USI required by paragraphs (g)(1) through (6) of this AD requires the HPT 1st-stage disk and HPT 2nd-stage disks to be removed from the engine allowing piece-part opportunity

inspections. Per the Airworthiness Limitations Section of the manufacturer's Instructions for Continued Airworthiness, the additional inspections are not required unless the part has more than 100 FCs since the last piece-part opportunity inspection, is damaged, or is the cause for the removal of the engine. Engine removal for the purposes of complying with this AD is not "cause" for removal as stated in the Airworthiness Limitations Section.

(2) For IAE V2527E–A5, V2527M–A5, V2528–D5, V2530–A5, and V2533–A5 model turbofan engines with an HPT 2nd-stage disk, P/N 2A4802, with an S/N listed in Appendix A, Table 2, of IAE NMSB V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1, within the compliance time specified in Figure 1 to paragraph (g)(1) of this AD, or within 10 FCs after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later,

perform a USI of the HPT 2nd-stage disk using the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph 7, of IAE NMSB V2500–ENG–72–0713. Revision 1.

(3) For IAE V2522–A5, V2524–A5, V2525–D5, and V2527–A5 model turbofan engines with an HPT 1st-stage disk, P/N 2A5001, with an S/N listed in Appendix A, Table 1, of IAE NMSB V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1, within the following compliance times, perform a USI of the HPT 1st-stage

disk using the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph 6, of IAE NMSB V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1:

(i) If the affected HPT 1st-stage disk has not operated at any time in an IAE V2527E–A5, V2527M–A5, V2528–D5, V2530–A5, or V2533–A5 model turbofan engine, perform the inspection within the compliance time specified in Figure 2 to paragraph (g)(3)(i) of this AD, or within 10 FCs after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later; or

Figure 2 to Paragraph (g)(3)(i) – Inspection threshold

	Compliance time: Whichever occurs first, Row A or B
A	At the next HPT rotor and stator assembly (HPT module) removal after July 13, 2021 (the effective date of AD 2021-11-15)
В	Before the HPT 1st-stage disk or HPT 2nd-stage disk has accumulated 6,700 FCs since July 13, 2021

(ii) If the affected HPT 1st-stage disk has operated at any time in an IAE V2527E–A5, V2527M–A5, V2528–D5, V2530–A5, or V2533–A5 model turbofan engine, perform the inspection within the compliance time specified in Figure 1 to paragraph (g)(1) of this AD, or within 10 FCs after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

(4) For IAE V2522–A5, V2524–A5, V2525–D5, and V2527–A5 model turbofan engines with an HPT 2nd-stage disk, P/N 2A4802, with an S/N listed in Appendix A, Table 2, of IAE NMSB V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1, within the following compliance times, perform a USI of the HPT 2nd-stage disk using the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph 7, of IAE NMSB V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1:

(i) If the affected HPT 2nd-stage disk has not operated at any time in an IAE V2527E—A5, V2527M—A5, V2528—D5, V2530—A5, or V2533—A5 model turbofan engine, perform the inspection within the compliance time specified in Figure 2 to paragraph (g)(3)(i) of this AD, or within 10 FCs after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later; or

(ii) If the affected HPT 2nd-stage disk has operated at any time in an IAE V2527E–A5, V2527M–A5, V2528–D5, V2530–A5, or V2533–A5 model turbofan engine, perform the inspection within the compliance time specified in Figure 1 to paragraph (g)(1) of this AD, or within 10 FCs after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later.

(5) For IAE V2531–E5 model turbofan engines with an HPT 1st-stage disk, P/N 2A5001, with an S/N listed in Appendix A, Table 1, of IAE NMSB V2500–E5–72–0015, Revision 1, within the compliance time specified in Figure 1 to paragraph (g)(1) of this AD, or within 10 FCs after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, perform a USI of the HPT 1st-stage disk using the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph 6, of IAE NMSB V2500–E5–72–0015, Revision 1.

(6) For IAE V2531–E5 model turbofan engines with an HPT 2nd-stage disk, P/N

2A4802, with an S/N listed in Appendix A, Table 2, of IAE NMSB V2500–E5–72–0015, Revision 1, within the compliance time specified in Figure 1 to paragraph (g)(1) of this AD, or within 10 FCs after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, perform a USI of the HPT 2nd-stage disk using the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph 7, of IAE NMSB V2500–E5–72–0015, Revision 1.

(7) If, during the USI required by paragraphs (g)(1) through (6) of this AD, an HPT 1st-stage disk or HPT 2nd-stage disk does not pass the inspection as specified in the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph 8, of IAE NMSB V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1, or IAE NMSB V2500–E5–72–0015, Revision 1, as applicable, before further flight, remove the HPT 1st-stage disk or HPT 2nd-stage disk, as applicable, from service and replace with a part eligible for installation.

## (h) Definitions

(1) For the purpose of this AD, an "engine shop visit" is the induction of an engine into the shop for maintenance involving the separation of pairs of major mating engine flanges, H–P, except for the following situations, which do not constitute an engine shop visit.

(i) Separation of engine flanges solely for the purposes of transportation without subsequent engine maintenance.

(ii) Engine removal for the purpose of performing field maintenance activities at a maintenance facility in lieu of performing them on-wing.

(2) For the purpose of this AD, a "part eligible for installation" is:

(i) An HPT 1st-stage disk or HPT 2nd-stage disk listed in Appendix A, Tables 1 and 2, of IAE NMSB V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1, or Appendix A, Tables 1 and 2, of IAE NMSB V2500–E5–72–0015, Revision 1, that passed the USI required by paragraphs (g)(1) through (6) of this AD; or

(ii) An HPT 1st-stage disk or HPT 2nd-stage disk that is not listed in Appendix A, Tables 1 and 2, of IAE NMSB V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1, or Appendix A, Tables 1 and 2, of IAE NMSB V2500–E5–72–0015, Revision 1.

#### (i) Credit for Previous Actions

You may take credit for the USI of the HPT 1st-stage disk and HPT 2nd-stage disk required by paragraphs (g)(5) and (6) of this AD and the replacement of the HPT 1st-stage disk and HPT 2nd-stage disk required by paragraph (g)(7) of this AD, if you performed these actions before the effective date of this AD in accordance with IAE NMSB No. V2500–E5–72–0015, original issue, dated December 15, 2020.

# (j) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, ECO 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 local Flight Standards District 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) of this AD. You may email your request to: ANE-AD-AMOC@ faa.gov.

(2) Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

# (k) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Alberto Hernandez, Aviation Safety Engineer, ECO Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: (781) 238–7329; fax: (781) 238–7199; email: Alberto.J.Hernandez@faa.gov.

## (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.
- (3) The following service information was approved for IBR on March 15, 2022.
- (i) International Aero Engines AG (IAE) Non-Modification Service Bulletin (NMSB) No. V2500–E5–72–0015, Revision 1, dated August 10, 2021.
  - (ii) [Reserved]
- (4) The following service information was approved for IBR on July 13, 2021 (86 FR 30380, June 8, 2021).
- (i) IAE NMSB No. V2500–ENG–72–0713, Revision 1, dated January 26, 2021.
  - (ii) [Reserved]
- (5) For service information identified in this AD, contact International Aero Engines AG, 400 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06118; phone: (800) 565–0140; email: help24@prattwhitney.com; website: https://connect.prattwhitney.com.
- (6) You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (817) 222–5110.
- (7) 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, email: fr.inspection@nara.gov, or go to: https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html.

Issued on January 10, 2022.

# Lance T. Gant,

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# **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

## **Federal Aviation Administration**

# 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2021-0501; Project Identifier MCAI-2021-00168-T; Amendment 39-21908; AD 2022-02-11]

RIN 2120-AA64

# Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of

Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2019–20–10, which applied to certain Airbus SAS Model A318 series airplanes; Model A319–111, –112,–113, –114, –115, –131, –132, and –133 airplanes; Model A320–211, –212, –214, –216, –231, –232, and –233 airplanes; and Model A321–111,

-112, -131, -211, -212, -213, -231, and -232 airplanes. AD 2019-20-10 required repetitive rototest inspections of the holes at the door stop fittings for any cracking, and corrective actions if necessary. Since the FAA issued AD 2019–20–10, a clarification of a certain compliance time for the rototest inspection was added. This AD clarifies a certain compliance time and continues to require repetitive rototest inspections of the holes at the door stop fittings for any cracking, and repair if necessary, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is incorporated by reference. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective March 15, 2022.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of March 15, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** For material incorporated by reference (IBR) in this AD, contact EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email ADs@easa.europa.eu; internet www.easa.europa.eu. You may find this IBR material on the EASA website at https://ad.easa.europa.eu. You may view this material 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 in the AD docket at https://www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2021-0501.

# **Examining the AD Docket**

You may examine the AD docket at https://www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2021-0501; 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, the mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI), 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

# **Background**

EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2018-0289R1, dated February 10, 2021 (EASA AD 2018-0289R1) (also referred to as the MCAI), to correct an unsafe condition for certain Airbus SAS Model A318 series airplanes; Model A319–111, -112, -113, -114, -115, -131, -132, and -133 airplanes; Model A320-211, -212, -214, -215, -216, -231, -232, and -233 airplanes; and Model A321–111, –112, -131, -211, -212, -213, -231, and -232 airplanes. EASA AD 2018-0289R1 supersedes EASA AD 2018-0289 (which corresponds to FAA AD 2019-20-10, Amendment 39–19763 (84 FR 61526, November 13, 2019) (AD 2019-20-10). Model A320-215 airplanes are not certificated by the FAA and are not included on the U.S. type certificate data sheet; this AD therefore does not include those airplanes in the applicability.

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to supersede AD 2019-20-10. AD 2019-20-10 applied to certain Airbus SAS Model A318 series airplanes; Model A319-111, -112, -113, –114, –115, –131, –132, and –133 airplanes; Model A320-211, -212, -214, –216, –231, –232, and –233 airplanes; and Model A321-111, -112, -131, -211, –212, –213, –231, and –232 airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal** Register on June 16, 2021 (86 FR 31989). The NPRM was prompted by a report that cracks were detected on frame (FR)16 and FR20 web holes and passenger door intercostal fitting holes at the door stop fitting locations, and a determination that a certain compliance time needs to be clarified. The NPRM proposed to clarify a certain compliance time and continue to require repetitive rototest inspections of the holes at the door stop fittings for any cracking, and repair if necessary as specified in EASA AD 2018-0289R1.

The FAA is issuing this AD to address cracking of the web holes at the door stop fittings, which could affect the structural integrity of the airplane. See the MCAI for additional background information.

# Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

# Comments

The FAA received comments from two commenters, including Delta Airlines (DAL) and United Airlines (UAL). The following presents the comments received on the NPRM and the FAA's response to each comment.