Actions	Compliance	Procedures
(1) Inspect each P/N 0322709 and P/N 0322709-1 inboard aileron hinge bracket for cracks or corrosion.	Initially inspect within the next 100 hours time- in-service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD, unless already done. Repetitively inspect thereafter at intervals not to exceed 100 hours TIS until each bracket is re- placed with an FAA-approved bracket that is not made with magnesium, as specified in the service information.	Follow the procedures in Cessna Single Engine Service Bulletin SEB04–1, dated April 26, 2004.
(2) Replace any cracked or corroded inboard aileron hinge bracket with an FAA-approved bracket, as specified in the service information.	Prior to further flight after any inspection where any cracked or corroded bracket is found. You may terminate the repetitive inspections required by this AD when all brackets are replaced with FAA-approved brackets that are not made with magnesium, as specified in the service information.	Follow the procedures in Cessna Single Engine Service Bulletin SEB04–1, dated April 26, 2004.
(3) You may replace all inboard aileron hinge brackets (as specified in paragraph (e)(2) of this AD) regardless if any corrosion or crack is found as terminating action for the repetitive inspeciton requirement of this AD.	You may do this replacement at any time, but you must replace any corroded or cracked bracket prior to further flight after the applicable inspection where any corrosion or crack is found.	Follow the procedures in Cessna Single Engine Service Bulletin SEB04–1, dated April 26, 2004.
(4) Do not install any P/N 0322709 or P/N 0322709–1 inboard aileron hinge bracket; or any other inboard aileron hinge bracket made with magnesium.	As of the effective date of this AD	Not applicable.

May I Request an Alternative Method of Compliance?

(f) You may request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD by following the procedures in 14 CFR 39.19. Unless FAA authorizes otherwise, send your request to your principal inspector. The principal inspector may add comments and will send your request to the Manager, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office, FAA. For information on any already approved alternative methods of compliance, contact Gary D. Park, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office, 1801 Airport Road, Room 100, Mid-Continent Airport, Wichita, Kansas 67209; telephone: (316) 946–4123; facsimile: (316) 946–4107.

#### May I Get Copies of the Documents Referenced in This AD?

(g) You may get copies of the documents referenced in this AD Cessna Aircraft Company, Product Support P.O. Box 7706, Wichita, Kansas 67277; telephone: (316) 517–5800; facsimile: (316) 942–9006. You may view the AD docket at the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL–401, Washington, DC, or on the Internet at http://dms.dot.gov.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on July 9, 2004.

#### James E. Jackson,

Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2004-18030; Directorate Identifier 2004-CE-13-AD]

### RIN 2120-AA64

## Airworthiness Directives; GROB-WERKE Model G120A Airplanes

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

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

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all GROB-WERKE (GROB) Model G120A airplanes. This proposed AD would require you to repetitively inspect visually the area between the vertical stabilizer main spar and the nearby vertical stabilizer skin for any disbonding/crack; repair any disbonding/crack found; and calculate weight and balance after any repair. This proposed AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for Germany. We are issuing this proposed AD to detect and correct any disbonding/crack in the area between the vertical stabilizer main spar and nearby stabilizer skin, which could result in possible structural failure. This failure could lead to difficulty in airplane flight control.

**DATES:** We must receive any comments on this proposed AD by August 16, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Use one of the following to submit comments on this proposed AD:

- DOT Docket Web site: Go to http://dms.dot.gov and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- Governmentwide rulemaking Web site: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL–401, Washington, DC 20590–001.
  - Fax: 1-202-493-2251.
- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

You may get the service information identified in this proposed AD from GROB Luft-und Raumfahrt, Lettenbachstrasse 9, D–86874 Tussenhausen-Mattsies, Federal Republic of Germany; telephone: 49 8268 998139; facsimile: 49 8268 998200.

You may view the comments to this proposed AD in the AD docket on the Internet at http://dms.dot.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl Schletzbaum, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329–4146; facsimile: (816) 329–4090.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### **Comments Invited**

How do I comment on this proposed AD? We invite you to submit any written relevant data, views, or arguments regarding this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under ADDRESSES. Include the docket number, "FAA-2004-18030; Directorate Identifier 2004-CE-13-AD" at the beginning of your comments. We will post all comments we receive, without change, to http://dms.dot.gov, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed rulemaking. Using the search function of our docket web site, anyone can find and read the comments received into any of our dockets, including the name of the individual who sent the comment (or signed the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). This is docket number FAA-2004-18030. You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78) or you may visit http:// dms.dot.gov.

Are there any specific portions of this proposed AD I should pay attention to? We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed AD. If you contact us through a nonwritten communication and that contact relates to a substantive part of this proposed AD, we will summarize the contact and place the summary in the docket. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposed AD in light of those comments and contacts.

# **Docket Information**

Where can I go to view the docket information? You may view the AD docket that contains the proposal, any comments received, and any final disposition in person at the DMS Docket Offices between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (eastern standard time), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Office (telephone 1–800–647–5227) is located on the plaza level of the Department of Transportation NASSIF Building at the street address stated in ADDRESSES. You may also view

the AD docket on the Internet at http://dms.dot.gov. The comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after the DMS receives them.

#### Discussion

What events have caused this proposed AD? The Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA), which is the airworthiness authority for Germany, recently notified FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on all GROB Model G120A airplanes. The LBA reports that a routine inspection of a Model G120A-I airplane found disbonding/cracking in the area between the vertical stabilizer main spar and nearby vertical stabilizer skin near the VOR (very high frequency omnidirectional range) antenna. A fleetwide inspection of the Model G120A-I airplane fleet found one other Model G120A-I airplane with disbonding/ cracking in the same area. The most likely reason for the disbonding/ cracking was an incorrectly installed antenna support bracket, which caused permanent tension on the bonding seam. This resulted in disbonding/ cracking in the area near the VOR

What is the potential impact if FAA took no action? Any disbonding/crack in the area between the vertical stabilizer main spar and nearby stabilizer skin could result in possible structural failure. This failure could lead to difficulty in airplane flight control.

Is there service information that applies to this subject? GROB has issued Service Bulletin No. MSB1121–049, dated April 20, 2004.

What are the provisions of this service information? The service information includes procedures for:

- —Inspecting visually the area between the vertical stabilizer main spar and the nearby vertical stabilizer skin for any disbonding/cracking); and
- —Contacting the manufacturer for a repair instruction if any disbonding/ crack is found.

What action did the LBA take? The LBA classified this service bulletin as mandatory and issued German AD Number D–2004–204, dated April 23, 2004, to ensure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in Germany.

Did the LBA inform the United States under the bilateral airworthiness agreement? These GROB Model G120A airplanes are manufactured in Germany and are type-certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of section 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement.

Under this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the LBA has kept us informed of the situation described above.

# FAA's Determination and Requirements of This Proposed AD

What has FAA decided? We have examined the LBA's findings, reviewed all available information, and determined that AD action is necessary for products of this type design that are certificated for operation in the United States.

Since the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop on other GROB Model G120A airplanes of the same type design that are registered in the United States, we are proposing AD action to detect and correct any disbonding/crack in the area between the vertical stabilizer main spar and nearby stabilizer skin, which could result in possible structural failure. This failure could lead to difficulty in airplane flight control.

What would this proposed AD require? This proposed AD would require you to incorporate the actions in the previously-referenced service bulletin.

How does the revision to 14 CFR part 39 affect this proposed AD? On July 10, 2002, we published a new version of 14 CFR part 39 (67 FR 47997, July 22, 2002), which governs FAA's AD system. This regulation now includes material that relates to altered products, special flight permits, and alternative methods of compliance. This material previously was included in each individual AD. Since this material is included in 14 CFR part 39, we will not include it in future AD actions.

## **Costs of Compliance**

How many airplanes would this proposed AD impact? We estimate that this proposed AD affects 6 airplanes in the U.S. registry.

What would be the cost impact of this proposed AD on owners/operators of the affected airplanes? We estimate the following costs to do this proposed inspection:

Labor cost	Parts cost	Total cost per airplane	Total cost on U.S. operators
1 workhour × \$65 per hour = \$65	Not Applicable	\$65	6 × \$65 = \$390.

We estimate the following costs to do any necessary repairs that would be

required based on the results of this proposed inspection. We have no way of

determining the number of airplanes that may need this repair:

Labor cost	Parts cost	Total cost per airplane
20 workhours × \$65 per hour = \$1,300	The manufacturer covers under warranty and will supply any parts for the new U-profile assembly (antenna support bracket) consisting of part numbers: 120A–2363.02; 120A–2364; and 120A–2365.	\$1,300.

## **Regulatory Findings**

Would this proposed AD impact various entities? We have 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.

Would this proposed AD involve a significant rule or regulatory action? For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this proposed AD:

- 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 summary of the costs to comply with this proposed AD and placed it in the AD Docket. You may get a copy of this summary by sending a request to us at the address listed under **ADDRESSES.** Include the docket number, "FAA–2004–18030; Directorate Identifier 2004–CE–13–AD" in your request.

## 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 Federal Aviation Administration 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 airworthiness directive (AD):

**Grob-Werke:** Docket No. FAA-2004-18030; Directorate Identifier 2004-CE-13-AD When is the Last Date I can Submit Comments on this Proposed AD?

(a) We must receive comments on this proposed airworthiness directive (AD) by August 16, 2004.

What Other ADs Are Affected by This Action?

(b) None.

What Airplanes Are Affected by This AD?

(c) This AD affects Model G120A airplanes, all serial numbers, that are certificated in any category.

What Is the Unsafe Condition Presented in This AD?

(d) This AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for Germany. The actions specified in this AD are intended to detect and correct any disbonding/crack in the area between the vertical stabilizer main spar and nearby stabilizer skin, which could result in possible structural failure. This failure could lead to difficulty in airplane flight control.

What Must I Do To Address This Problem?

(e) To address this problem, you must do the following:

Actions	Compliance	Procedures
(1) Inspect the area between the vertical sta- bilizer main spar and the nearby vertical sta- bilizer skin for any disbonding/crack along the spar/skin contact (both sides of the vertical stabilizer).	Within the next 50 hours time-in-service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD, unless already done. Repetitively inspect thereafter at every 50 hours TIS.	Follow GROB Luft-und Raumfahrt Service Bulletin No. MSB1121–049, dated April 20, 2004. The applicable airplane maintenance manual also addresses this issue.
(2) If any disbonding/crack is found during any inspection required by paragraph (e)(1) of this AD:  (i) get a repair instruction from the manufacturer; and  (ii) follow this repair instruction  (iii) The repetitive inspections of paragraph (e)(1) of this AD are still required after any repair	Before further flight after any inspection required by paragraph (e)(1) of this AD where any disbonding/crack is found.	Follow GROB Luft-und Raumfahrt Service Bulletin No. MSB1121–049, dated April 20, 2004; and any repair instruction obtained from GROB Luft-und Raumfahrt, Lettenbachstrasse 9, D–86874 Tussenhausen-Mattsies, Federal Republic of Germany; telephone: 49 8268 998139; facsimile: 49 8268 998200. Obtain approval of and this repair instruction through the FAA at the address specified in paragraph (f) of this AD. The applicable airplane maintenance manual also addresses this issue.
(3) Calculate weight and balance after any repair required by paragraph (e)(2) of this AD.	Before further flight after any repair required by paragraph (e)(2) of this AD.	Follow GROB Luft-und Raumfahrt Service Bulletin No. MSB1121–049, dated April 20, 2004. The applicable airplane maintenance manual also addresses this issue.

May I Request an Alternative Method of Compliance?

(f) You may request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD by following the procedures in 14 CFR 39.19. Unless FAA authorizes otherwise, send your request to your principal inspector. The principal inspector may add comments and will send your request to the Manager, Standards Office, Small Airplane Directorate, FAA. For information on any already approved alternative methods of compliance, contact Karl Schletzbaum, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329–4146; facsimile: (816) 329–4090.

May I Get Copies of the Documents Referenced in This AD?

(g) You may get copies of the documents referenced in this AD from GROB Luft-und Raumfahrt, Lettenbachstrasse 9, D–86874 Tussenhausen-Mattsies, Federal Republic of Germany; telephone: 49 8268 998139; facsimile: 49 8268 998200. You may view the AD docket at the Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL–401, Washington, DC, or on the Internet at http://dms.dot.gov.

Is There Other Information That Relates to This Subject?

(h) German AD Number D–2004–204, dated April 23, 2004, also addresses the subject of this AD.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on July 9, 2004.

## James E. Jackson,

Acting Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

#### **Federal Aviation Administration**

### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2004-18603; Directorate Identifier 2003-NM-14-AD]

## RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A310; and Model A300 B4–600, B4– 600R, C4–605R Variant F, and F4–600R (Collectively Called A300–600) Series Airplanes

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to supersede an existing airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Model A310; and Model A300 B4–600, A300 B4–600R, and A300 F4–600R (collectively called A300–600) series airplanes. That

AD currently requires modifying the ram air turbine (RAT) by replacing the ejection jack. This proposed AD would require a one-time inspection of the RAT ejection jack to determine the part number, and further investigative and corrective actions if necessary. This proposed AD is prompted by the discovery of a rupture in the housing of one of the RAT ejection jacks installed as specified in the existing AD. We are proposing this AD to prevent rupture of the housing of the RAT ejection jack due to overpressure in the jack caused by overfilling the hydraulic fluid, and consequent failure of the RAT ejection jack. Failure of the ejection jack could result in a lack of hydraulic pressure or electrical power in an emergency.

**DATES:** We must receive comments on this proposed AD by August 16, 2004. **ADDRESSES:** Use one of the following addresses to submit comments on this proposed AD.

- DOT Docket Web site: Go to http://dms.dot.gov and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- Government-wide rulemaking Web site: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.
- Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590.
  - Fax: (202) 493–2251.
- Hand Delivery: Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

You can get the service information identified in this proposed AD from Airbus, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France.

You may examine the contents of this AD docket on the Internet at http://dms.dot.gov, or at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., room PL—401, on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Rodina, Aerospace Engineer; International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2125; fax (425) 227-1149.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## **Docket Management System (DMS)**

The FAA has implemented new procedures for maintaining AD dockets electronically. As of May 17, 2004, new AD actions are posted on DMS and assigned a docket number. We track each action and assign a corresponding directorate identifier. The DMS AD docket number is in the form "Docket No. FAA–2004–99999." The Transport Airplane Directorate identifier is in the form "Directorate Identifier 2004–NM–999–AD." Each DMS AD docket also lists the directorate identifier ("Old Docket Number") as a cross-reference for searching purposes.

#### **Comments Invited**

We invite you to submit any written relevant data, views, or arguments regarding this proposed AD. Send your comments to an address listed under ADDRESSES. Include "Docket No. FAA—2004—18603; Directorate Identifier 2003—NM—14—AD" at the beginning of your comments. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed AD. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend the proposed AD in light of those comments.

We will post all comments we receive, without change, to http:// dms.dot.gov, including any personal information you provide. We will also post a report summarizing each substantive verbal contact with FAA personnel concerning this proposed AD. Using the search function of our docket Web site, anyone can find and read the comments in any of our dockets, including the name of the individual who sent the comment (or signed the comment on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review the DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78), or you may visit http:// dms.dot.gov.

We are reviewing the writing style we currently use in regulatory documents. We are interested in your comments on whether the style of this document is clear, and your suggestions to improve the clarity of our communications that affect you. You can get more information about plain language at <a href="http://www.faa.gov/language">http://www.faa.gov/language</a> and <a href="http://www.plainlanguage.gov">http://www.plainlanguage.gov</a>.

#### **Examining the Docket**

You may examine the AD docket in person at the Docket Management Facility office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Docket Management Facility office (telephone (800) 647–5227) is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building at the DOT street address stated in the ADDRESSES section. Comments will be available in