

TABLE 1.—MODIFICATION (PART REPLACEMENT) THRESHOLDS

Replace part number—	At the later of the times specified—	
(1) 3410L, 3410R, 3411L, 3411R, 3412R, 3413R. (2) 3414L, 3416R, 3417R .....	(i) Before the accumulation of 10,000 total flight cycles since the C-duct was new. (ii) For airplanes modified according to Airbus Service Bulletin A330-78-3010 with more than 7,200 total flight cycles since the C-duct was new: Before the accumulation of 10,000 total flight cycles since the C-duct was new. (iii) For airplanes modified according to Airbus Service Bulletin A330-78-3010 with less than or equal to 7,200 total flight cycles since the C-duct was new: Before the accumulation of 25,000 total flight cycles since the C-duct was new.	(ii) Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD. (iii) Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD.
(3) 3414L, 3416R, 3417R .....	(i) For airplanes modified in production by Airbus Modification 47316: Before the accumulation of 25,000 total flight cycles since the C-duct was new.	(ii) Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD.
(4) 3412L, 3414R .....	(i) For airplanes modified in production by Airbus Modification 46879: Before the accumulation of 25,000 total flight cycles since the C-duct was new.	(ii) Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD.
(5) 3413L, 3415R .....	(i) Before the accumulation of 40,000 total flight cycles since the C-duct was new.	(ii) Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD.

**Note 1:** Airbus Service Bulletin A330-78-3010, Revision 03, dated April 28, 2004, refers to Rolls-Royce Service Bulletin RB.211-78-C899, Revision 3, dated May 7, 2004, as an additional source of service information for modifying the cowl assemblies of the left- and right-hand thrust reversers.

**Parts Installation**

(g) As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install, on any airplane, a cowl assembly of the left- or right-hand thrust reverser if the airplane has exceeded the applicable flight cycle threshold specified in Table 1 of this AD.

**Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)**

(h) The Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested in accordance with the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

**Related Information**

(i) French airworthiness directive F-2001-528 R2, dated June 23, 2004, also addresses the subject of this AD.

**Material Incorporated by Reference**

(j) You must use Airbus Service Bulletin A330-78-3010, Revision 03, dated April 28, 2004, to perform the actions that are required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of this document in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Contact Airbus, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France, for a copy of this service information. You may review copies at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., room PL-401, Nassif Building, Washington, DC; on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>; or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at the NARA, call (202) 741-6030, or go to [http://www.archives.gov/federal\\_register/](http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/)

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 39**

**[Docket No. FAA-2005-22561; Directorate Identifier 2005-NM-136-AD; Amendment 39-14409; AD 2005-25-16]**

**RIN 2120-AA64**

**Airworthiness Directives; Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER) Model ERJ 170 Airplanes**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain EMBRAER Model ERJ 170 airplanes. This AD requires doing a general visual inspection of the passenger seat track attachments to determine if the attachment rod is installed and to check the torque value of the attachment bolts, and doing any corrective actions if necessary. This AD results from the finding of missing rods, which attach the passenger seat tracks to the airplane structure to absorb loads. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct missing attachment rods, which could result in reducing the ability of the seat to

withstand a hard landing or rejected takeoff and possible injury to passengers.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective January 18, 2006.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in the AD as of January 18, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or in person at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Nassif Building, room PL-401, Washington, DC.

Contact Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER), P.O. Box 343—CEP 12.225, Sao Jose dos Campos—SP, Brazil, for service information identified in this AD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Todd Thompson, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-1175; fax (425) 227-1149.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Examining the Docket**

You may examine the airworthiness directive (AD) docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or 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 street address stated in the **ADDRESSES** section.

## Discussion

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an AD that would apply to certain EMBRAER Model ERJ 170 airplanes. That NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on September 19, 2005 (70 FR 57215). That NPRM proposed to require doing a general visual inspection of the passenger seat track attachments to determine if the attachment rod is installed and to check the torque value of the attachment bolts, and doing any corrective actions if necessary.

## Comments

We provided the public the opportunity to participate in the development of this AD. We received no comments on the NPRM or on the determination of the cost to the public.

## Conclusion

We have carefully reviewed the available data and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting the AD as proposed.

## Costs of Compliance

This AD affects about 43 airplanes of U.S. registry. The inspection takes about 1 work hour per airplane, at an average labor rate of \$65 per work hour. Based on these figures, the estimated cost of the AD for U.S. operators is \$2,795, or \$65 per airplane.

The modification, if necessary, takes about 2 work hours per airplane, at an average labor rate of \$65 per work hour. Required parts are about \$860 per airplane. Based on these figures, the estimated cost of the modification is \$990 per airplane, if necessary.

## 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 have determined that 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) 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.

We prepared a regulatory evaluation of the estimated costs to comply with this AD and placed it in the AD docket. See the **ADDRESSES** section for a location to examine the regulatory evaluation.

## List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

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

## Adoption of 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 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) amends § 39.13 by adding the following new airworthiness directive (AD):

**2005–25–16 Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER):** Amendment 39–14409. Docket No. FAA–2005–22561; Directorate Identifier 2005–NM–136–AD.

#### Effective Date

(a) This AD becomes effective January 18, 2006.

#### Affected ADs

(b) None.

#### Applicability

(c) This AD applies to EMBRAER Model ERJ 170–100 LR, –100 STD, –100 SE, and –100 SU airplanes, certificated in any category; having serial numbers 17000007 through 17000013 inclusive, 17000015,

17000016, and 17000018 through 17000043 inclusive.

## Unsafe Condition

(d) This AD results from the finding of missing rods, which attach the passenger seat tracks to the airplane structure to absorb loads. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct missing attachment rods, which could result in reducing the ability of the seat to withstand a hard landing or rejected takeoff and possible injury to passengers.

## Compliance

(e) You are responsible for having the actions required by this AD performed within the compliance times specified, unless the actions have already been done.

## Inspection and Modification if Necessary

(f) Within 700 flight hours after the effective date of this AD, do a general visual inspection of the passenger seat track attachments to determine if the attachment rod is installed and to check the torque value of the attachment bolts, and do any applicable corrective actions, by accomplishing all of the applicable actions specified in the Accomplishment Instructions of EMBRAER Service Bulletin 170–53–0010, dated January 12, 2005. Do any applicable corrective actions before further flight.

**Note 1:** For the purposes of this AD, a general visual inspection is: "A visual examination of an interior or exterior area, installation, or assembly to detect obvious damage, failure, or irregularity. This level of inspection is made from within touching distance unless otherwise specified. A mirror may be necessary to ensure visual access to all surfaces in the inspection area. This level of inspection is made under normally available lighting conditions such as daylight, hangar lighting, flashlight, or droplight and may require removal or opening of access panels or doors. Stands, ladders, or platforms may be required to gain proximity to the area being checked."

## Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(g)(1) The Manager, International Branch, ANM–116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested in accordance with the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19.

(2) Before using any AMOC approved in accordance with 14 CFR 39.19 on any airplane to which the AMOC applies, notify the appropriate principal inspector in the FAA Flight Standards Certificate Holding District Office.

## Material Incorporated by Reference

(h) You must use EMBRAER Service Bulletin 170–53–0010, dated January 12, 2005, to perform the actions that are required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise. The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of this document in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Contact Empresa Brasileira de Aeronautica S.A. (EMBRAER), P.O. Box 343—CEP 12.225, Sao Jose dos Campos—SP, Brazil, for a copy

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2005-22402; Directorate Identifier 2005-NM-133-AD; Amendment 39-14411; AD 2005-25-18]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### **Airworthiness Directives; Sabreliner Model NA-265, NA-265-20, NA-265-30, NA-265-40, NA-265-50, NA-265-60, NA-265-65, NA-265-70, and NA-265-80 Series Airplanes**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is superseding an existing airworthiness directive (AD), which applies to certain Sabreliner Model NA-265-40, NA-265-50, NA-265-60, NA-265-70, and NA-265-80 series airplanes. That AD currently requires repetitive inspections for discrepancies in the front and rear spars of the wing in the area of the wing center section, and in the lugs on the rear spar and wing trailing edge panel rib, and corrective actions if necessary. This new AD expands the applicability of the existing AD and requires new repetitive inspections for fuel leaks of the front and rear spars of the wing, and for discrepancies in the front and rear spars of the wing in the area of the wing center section, and in the lugs on the rear spar and wing trailing edge panel rib. This AD also requires related investigative and corrective actions, if necessary. This AD results from reports of cracking in the upper and lower flanges of the front and rear spars of the wing near the wing center section, and in the lugs on the rear spar. We are

issuing this AD to detect and correct cracking or other discrepancies in these areas, which could result in structural failure of the wing.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective January 18, 2006.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the AD as of January 18, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> or in person at the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street SW., Nassif Building, room PL-401, Washington, DC.

Contact Sabreliner Corporation, 18118 Chesterfield Airport Road, Chesterfield, Missouri 63005-1121, for service information identified in this AD.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** T.N. Bakhta, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ACE-118W, FAA, Wichita Aircraft Certification Office, 1801 Airport Road, room 100, Mid-Continent Airport, Wichita, Kansas 67209; telephone (316) 946-4155; fax (316) 946-4407.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Examining the Docket**

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##### **Discussion**

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an AD that supersedes AD 73-18-03, amendment 39-3201 (43 FR 19208, May 4, 1978). The existing AD applies to certain Rockwell International Model NA-265-40, NA-265-50, NA-265-60, NA-265-70, and NA-265-80 series airplanes. That NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on September 14, 2005 (70 FR 54318). (A correction of that NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 2005 (70 FR 57222).) That NPRM proposed to expand the applicability of the existing AD and require new repetitive inspections for fuel leaks of the front and rear spars of the wing, and for discrepancies in the front and rear spars of the wing in the area of the wing center section, and in the lugs on the rear spar and wing trailing edge panel

rib. That NPRM also proposed to require related investigative and corrective actions, if necessary.

#### **Comments**

We provided the public the opportunity to participate in the development of this AD. No comments have been received on the NPRM or on the determination of the cost to the public.

#### **Clarification of Alternative Method of Compliance (AMOC) Paragraph**

We have revised this action to clarify the appropriate procedure for notifying the principal inspector before using any approved AMOC on any airplane to which the AMOC applies.

#### **Conclusion**

We have carefully reviewed the available data and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting the AD with the change described previously. We have determined that this change will neither increase the economic burden on any operator nor increase the scope of the AD.

#### **Costs of Compliance**

There are about 77 airplanes of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. This AD affects about 43 airplanes of U.S. registry.

The inspection specified in this AD takes about 12 work hours per airplane, per inspection cycle, at an average labor rate of \$65 per work hour. Based on these figures, the estimated cost of the actions specified in this AD for U.S. operators is \$33,540, or \$780 per airplane, per inspection cycle.

#### **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.