

**Aeronautical Works):** Amendment 39–15282; Docket No. FAA–2007–28980; Directorate Identifier 2007–CE–071–AD.

#### Effective Date

(a) This airworthiness directive (AD) becomes effective January 7, 2008.

#### Affected ADs

(b) None.

#### Applicability

(c) This AD applies to Model L–13 Blanik gliders, all serial numbers, certificated in any category.

#### Subject

(d) Air Transport Association of America (ATA) Code 27: Flight Controls.

#### Reason

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

This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is prompted by the discovery of cracks on L13 Blanik sailplanes in zones where the forward and aft control sticks are attached to the connecting rod, designated as “control bridge” in the relevant Illustrated Parts Catalogues (IPC). If left uncorrected, cracks could propagate and lead to failure of the connecting rod with subsequent loss of control of the sailplane.

For the reasons described above, this AD requires an inspection of the control bridge to detect cracks and replacement, if necessary. In addition, this AD requires an update of the aircraft Maintenance Manual (MM) to incorporate repetitive inspections of the control bridge.

#### Actions and Compliance

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

(1) Within the next 3 months after January 7, 2008 (the effective date of this AD) and repetitively thereafter at intervals not to exceed 12 months, inspect the control bridge for cracks. Follow the procedures in LET Aircraft Industries, a.s. Mandatory Bulletin MB No.: L13 / 105a, dated May 22, 2007, except use a 10X magnifier and do a dye penetrant inspection following the procedures in chapter 5, section 5, of FAA Advisory Circular AC 43.13–1B CHG 1, dated September 27, 2001.

(2) If cracks are found during any inspection in paragraph (f)(1) of this AD, before further flight, install a new control bridge Dwg. No. (part number (P/N)) A740 370 N or Dwg. No. (P/N) A401 001N following the procedures in LET Aircraft Industries, a.s. Mandatory Bulletin MB No.: L13 / 105a, dated May 22, 2007.

#### FAA AD Differences

**Note:** This AD differs from the MCAI and/or service information as follows:

(1) The service information requires a visual inspection with a 6X magnifier. We are requiring a dye penetrant inspection and a 10X magnifier to detect cracks that could go undetected using only a 6X magnifier.

(2) The MCAI requires updating the maintenance manuals to add “type A based” repetitive inspections of the control bridge. Since the maintenance manual is only one

way of establishing a maintenance program, the only way we can mandate these repetitive inspections is through an AD action.

#### Other FAA AD Provisions

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

(1) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs): The Manager, Standards Office, 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: Greg Davison, Glider Program Manager, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329–4130; fax: (816) 329–4090. 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 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), 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 European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD No. 2007–0212, dated August 7, 2007; and LET Aircraft Industries, a.s. Mandatory Bulletin MB No.: L13 / 105a, dated May 22, 2007, for related information.

#### Material Incorporated by Reference

(i) You must use LET Aircraft Industries, a.s. Mandatory Bulletin MB No.: L13 / 105a, dated May 22, 2007, to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of this service information under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact Aircraft Industries, a.s., Na Záhonech 1177, 686 04 Kunovice, Czech Republic; phone: +420 572 817 660; fax: +420 572 816 112; e-mail: [ots@let.cz](mailto:ots@let.cz).

(3) You may review copies at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202–741–6030, or go to: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 23, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

**[Docket No. FAA–2007–27532 Directorate Identifier 2007–CE–021–AD; Amendment 39–15281; AD 2007–24–15]**

**RIN 2120–AA64**

#### **Airworthiness Directives; Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. Model P–180 Airplanes**

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

**ACTION:** Final Rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for the products listed above. This AD results from mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued 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:

One P 180 aircraft experienced a jamming of its longitudinal flight control cables. Investigations revealed that its fuselage drain holes were plugged, and water was trapped in the lower fuselage.

As a consequence of plugged drain holes, water can accumulate and freeze when the aircraft reaches and holds altitudes where temperature is below the freezing point. If not corrected this may cause the loss of control of the airplane.

We are issuing this AD to require actions to correct the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective January 7, 2008.

On January 7, 2008 the Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD.

**ADDRESSES:** You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person at Document Management Facility, 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:** Sarjapur Nagarajan, Aerospace Engineer,

FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106–; telephone: (816) 329–4145; fax: (816) 329–4090.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Discussion

We issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to include an AD that would apply to the specified products. That NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on October 12, 2007 (72 FR 58028). That NPRM proposed to correct an unsafe condition for the specified products. The MCAI states:

One P 180 aircraft experienced a jamming of its longitudinal flight control cables. Investigations revealed that its fuselage drain holes were plugged, and water was trapped in the lower fuselage.

As a consequence of plugged drain holes, water can accumulate and freeze when the aircraft reaches and holds altitudes where temperature is below the freezing point. If not corrected this may cause the loss of control of the airplane.

The aim of this Airworthiness Directive (AD) is to check for proper operation, fuselage drain holes and the passenger evaporator drain line and to introduce a temporary revision of the Aircraft Maintenance Manual (AMM).

#### Comments

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

#### Conclusion

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

#### 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 required 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 AD.

#### Costs of Compliance

We estimate that this AD will affect 60 products of U.S. registry. We also estimate that it will take about 5 work-

hours per product to comply with basic requirements of this AD. The average labor rate is \$80 per work-hour.

Based on these figures, we estimate the cost of this AD to the U.S. operators to be \$24,000 or \$400 per product.

In addition, we estimate that any necessary follow-on actions would take about 13 work-hours and require parts costing \$125, for a cost of \$1,165 per product. We have no way of determining the number of products that may need these actions.

#### 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 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 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.

#### Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>; or in person at the

Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains the NPRM, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Office (telephone (800) 647–5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

#### 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 FAA amends § 39.13 by adding the following new AD:

**2007–24–15 Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A.:**  
Amendment 39–15281; Docket No. FAA–2007–27532; Directorate Identifier 2007–CE–021–AD.

#### Effective Date

(a) This airworthiness directive (AD) becomes effective January 7, 2008.

#### Affected ADs

(b) None.

#### Applicability

(c) This AD applies to model P–180 airplanes, serial numbers 1004 through 1112, certificated in any category.

#### Subject

(d) Air Transport Association of America (ATA) Code 53: Fuselage.

#### Reason

(e) The mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) states: One P 180 aircraft experienced a jamming of its longitudinal flight control cables. Investigations revealed that its fuselage drain holes were plugged, and water was trapped in the lower fuselage.

As a consequence of plugged drain holes, water can accumulate and freeze when the aircraft reaches and holds altitudes where temperature is below the freezing point. If not corrected this may cause the loss of control of the airplane.

The aim of this Airworthiness Directive (AD) is to check for proper operation, fuselage drain holes and the passenger evaporator drain line and to introduce a temporary revision of the Aircraft Maintenance Manual (AMM).

**Actions and Compliance**

(f) Unless already done, at the next scheduled maintenance inspection or within 1 month after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, do the following actions:

(1) Inspect fuselage drain holes and the passenger evaporator drain line for proper operation and do all the necessary corrective actions, following the accomplishment instructions of the Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. Mandatory SB-80-0220, dated August 8, 2006.

(2) Incorporate into your maintenance program the following PIAGGIO P.180 AVANTI/AVANTI II MAINTENANCE MANUAL (AMM) sections, which are included in Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. Mandatory SB-80-0220, dated August 8, 2006:

(i) AMM Chapter 12-24-02 Exterior Cleaning—Maintenance Practices

(ii) AMM Chapter 51-25-00 Processes—Stripping and Painting

(iii) AMM Chapter 53-00-00 Fuselage—Maintenance Practices

(3) Replace/add the following pages of the AMM that are included in Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. Mandatory SB-80-0220, dated August 8, 2006:

(i) replace: AMM Chapter 12-24-02, pages 201/202

(ii) replace: AMM Chapter 51-25-00, pages 5/6

(iii) replace: AMM Chapter 53-00-00, pages 203/204

(iv) add: AMM Chapter 53-00-00, pages 205/206

**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, Standards Office, 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: Sarjapur Nagarajan, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4145; fax: (816) 329-4090. 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 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), 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 AD No. 2007-0031, dated February 9, 2007; and Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. Mandatory SB-80-0220, dated August 8, 2006, for related information.

**Material Incorporated by Reference**

You must use Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. Mandatory SB-80-0220, dated August 8, 2006, to do the actions required by this AD, unless the AD specifies otherwise.

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of this service information under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) For service information identified in this AD, contact PIAGGIO AERO INDUSTRIES S.p.A., Via Cibrario 4, 16154 Genoa, Italy; telephone: +39 010 6481 856; facsimile: +39 010 6481 374.

(3) You may review copies at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; or at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, call 202-741-6030, or go to: <http://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39**

**[Docket No. FAA-2007-0269; Directorate Identifier 2007-NM-158-AD; Amendment 39-15287; AD 2007-25-05]**

**RIN 2120-AA64**

**Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330 Airplanes**

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for the products listed above. This 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:

It has been discovered that a batch of sleeves and pins of the Rolls-Royce Trent 700 Thrust Reverser Unit (TRU) hinge n° [number] 5 has not been subjected to the correct precipitation hardening.

This production quality issue, if not corrected, can lead to the complete failure of the hinge n° 5—the remaining hinges may not sustain ultimate load—resulting in the worst case to the TRU release from the pylon, which constitutes an unsafe condition.

The degradation of the mechanical specifications of these parts puts into question the current design life goal of these parts. \* \* \*

The unsafe condition is possible detachment of the thrust reverser unit from the airplane, which could result in reduced controllability and possible damage to the airplane. This AD requires actions that are intended to address the unsafe condition described in the MCAI.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective December 18, 2007.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication, listed in the AD as of December 18, 2007.

We must receive comments on this AD by January 2, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-40, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, Docket Operations office (telephone (800) 647-5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section. Comments will be available in the AD docket shortly after receipt.

**Examining the AD Docket**

You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>; or in person at the Docket Operations office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Operations office (telephone (800) 647-5527) is in the **ADDRESSES** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Backman, Aerospace Engineer, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA,