

FAA's Determination*What Is FAA's Final Determination on This Issue?*

After careful review of all available information related to the subject presented above, we have determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed except for minor editorial corrections. We have determined that these minor corrections:

—Provide the intent that was proposed in the NPRM for correcting the unsafe condition; and

—Do not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed in the NPRM.

Cost Impact*How Many Airplanes Does This AD Impact?*

We estimate that this AD affects 204 aircraft (specifically balloons) in the U.S. registry.

What Is the Cost Impact of This AD on Owners/Operators of the Affected Airplanes?

We estimate the following costs to accomplish the inspection:

Labor cost	Parts cost	Total cost per airplane	Total cost on U.S. operators
1 workhour × \$60 per hour = \$60	Not applicable	\$60	\$60 × 204 = \$12,240

We estimate the following costs to accomplish any necessary replacements that would be required based on the

results of the inspection. We have no way of determining the number of

aircraft that may need such replacement:

Labor cost	Parts cost	Total cost per hose
1 workhour × \$60 per hour = \$60 per hose	Replacement hoses provided by manufacturer	\$60

Regulatory Impact*Does This AD Impact Various Entities?*

The regulations adopted herein 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. Therefore, it is determined that this final rule does not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132.

Does This AD Involve a Significant Rule or Regulatory Action?

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this action (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. A copy of the final evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting the Rules Docket at the location provided under the caption **ADDRESSES**.

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 Federal Aviation Administration amends part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (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. FAA amends § 39.13 by adding a new AD to read as follows:

2003–05–02 Lindstrand Balloons Ltd:

Amendment 39–13078; Docket No. 2002–CE–50–AD.

(a) *What aircraft are affected by this AD?* This AD affects any aircraft (specifically balloons), certificated in any category, that incorporate Lindstrand 3/8-inch bore hoses from either hose batches FHL 38381 or FHL 40579.

(b) *Who must comply with this AD?* Anyone who wishes to operate any of the aircraft identified in paragraph (a) of this AD must comply with this AD.

(c) *What problem does this AD address?* The actions specified by this AD are intended to detect and replace defective fuel hoses before they result in propane fuel leaks. Such propane fuel leaks could lead to a propane fuel fire.

(d) *What actions must I accomplish to address this problem?* To address this problem, you must accomplish the following:

Actions	Compliance	Procedures
(1) Inspect all 3/8-inch bore hoses used within the aircraft, including burner supply hoses, basket manifolds, and refueling hoses to determine if the hose is from either defective hose batch FHL 38381 or FHL 40579.	Within 5 hours time-in-service after May 2, 2003 (the effective date of this AD).	In accordance with Lindstrand Balloons Ltd Service Bulletin No. 7, Issue 1, dated July 11, 2002