

that no operator would accomplish those actions in the future if this AD were not adopted. The cost impact figures discussed in AD rulemaking actions represent only the time necessary to perform the specific actions actually required by the AD. These figures typically do not include incidental costs, such as the time required to gain access and close up, planning time, or time necessitated by other administrative actions.

Regulatory Impact

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.

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 final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained from 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, pursuant to 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. Section 39.13 is amended by adding the following new airworthiness directive:

2003-06-05 Saab Aircraft AB: Amendment 39-13092. Docket 2000-NM-420-AD.

Applicability: Model SAAB SF340A series airplanes, serial numbers -004 through -108 inclusive, certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (c) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent incidents of smoke or a burning smell in the cabin during flight caused by incorrect brush insulation in the motors of the air recirculation fans that provide air to the flight compartment and the passenger compartment, accomplish the following:

Replacement

(a) Within 1,000 flight hours after the effective date of this AD: Perform either paragraph (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this AD.

(1) Remove the two air recirculation fans having part number (P/N) C209-690B, C209-690B1, or C209-690C, modify the structure of the fan support, and replace the fans with two upgraded air recirculation fans having P/N C209-690D, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Saab Service Bulletin 340-21-039, Revision 01, dated April 18, 2001.

Note 2: The upgraded fans are larger than the original fans and will interfere with the structure of the fan support. A modification to the structure of the fan support to include a small cutout is contained in Paragraph 2.C. of Saab Service Bulletin 340-21-039, Revision 01.

Note 3: The modification to the structure of the fan support to include a small cutout is also described in Saab Service Bulletin SF340-21-001, Revision 1, dated February 20, 1985. For those airplanes on which the requirements of paragraph (a)(1) have been performed prior to the effective date of this AD, modification of the structure of the fan support to include a small cutout in accordance with that service bulletin is acceptable as a means of compliance with the applicable requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of this AD.

(2) Remove the two air recirculation fans having P/N C209-690B, C209-690B1, or C209-690C, and replace the fans with two new air recirculation fans with brushless motors having P/N EVCTA465, EVCTA465A, or EVCTA465B (these alternative fans could have been previously identified with the internal Saab P/N 9302882-002), in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Saab Service Bulletin 340-21-018, Revision 02, dated June 21, 2000.

Parts Installation

(b) As of the effective date of this AD, no air recirculation fans having P/N C209-690B, C209-690B1, or C209-690C may be installed on any airplane.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(c) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116.

Note 4: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the International Branch, ANM-116.

Special Flight Permits

(d) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Incorporation by Reference

(e) The actions shall be done in accordance with Saab Service Bulletin 340-21-039, Revision 01, dated April 18, 2001; or Saab Service Bulletin 340-21-018, Revision 02, dated June 21, 2000; as applicable. This incorporation by reference was approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. Copies may be obtained from Saab Aircraft AB, SAAB Aircraft Product Support, S-581.88, Linköping, Sweden. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

Note 5: The subject of this AD is addressed in Swedish airworthiness directive 1-160 R1, dated June 13, 2001.

Effective Date

(f) This amendment becomes effective on April 30, 2003.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on March 18, 2003.

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