

(g) The inspections and replacements, if necessary, shall be done in accordance with Agusta Alert Bollettino Tecnico No. 109K-35, dated May 13, 2003, except reporting findings of cracks to Agusta Service Engineering is not required. 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 Agusta, 21017 Cascina Costa di Samarate (VA) Italy, Via Giovanni Agusta 520, telephone 39 (0331) 229111, fax 39 (0331) 229605-222595. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Room 663, Fort Worth, Texas; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(h) This amendment becomes effective on July 11, 2003.

Note 2: The subject of this AD is addressed in Ente Nazionale per l'Aviazione Civile (Italy) AD N.2003-169, dated May 16, 2003.

Issued in Fort Worth, Texas, on June 11, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 96-ANE-40-AD; Amendment 39-13212; AD 97-18-02R1]

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Airworthiness Directives; Hartzell Propeller Inc. ()HC-()(2,3)(X,V)()-() Series and HA-A2V20-1B Series Propellers with Aluminum Blades

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment revises an existing airworthiness directive (AD), that is applicable to Hartzell Propeller Inc. ()HC-()(2,3)(X,V)()-() series and HA-A2V20-1B series propellers with aluminum blades. That AD currently requires initial and repetitive dye penetrant and eddy current inspections of the blade and an optical comparator inspection of the blade retention area, and, if necessary, replacement with serviceable parts. In addition, that AD currently requires initial and repetitive visual and magnetic particle inspection of the blade clamp, dye penetrant inspection of the blade internal bearing bore, and, if necessary, replacement with serviceable parts. Also, for all HC-(1,4,5,8)(2,3)(X,V)()-() steel hub

propellers, that AD currently requires an additional initial and repetitive visual and magnetic particle inspection of the hub, and, if necessary, replacement with serviceable parts. This amendment revises that AD by permitting the replacement of affected propellers with Hartzell Propeller Inc. model "MV" series propellers as an optional terminating action for the initial and repetitive inspections of that AD. This amendment is prompted by type certification approval of the Hartzell "MV" series propellers that are direct replacements for the affected propellers, and service bulletin approval to allow modification of affected propellers to the "MV" type design configuration. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent blade separation due to cracked blades, hubs, or blade clamps, which can result in loss of control of the airplane.

DATES: Effective July 31, 2003. The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations was approved previously by the Director of the Federal Register as of September 11, 1997 (62 FR 45309).

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Hartzell Propeller Inc., One Propeller Place, Piqua, OH 45356-2634, ATTN: Product Support; telephone (937) 778-4200; fax (937) 778-4321. This information may be examined, by appointment, at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tomaso DiPaolo, Aerospace Engineer, Chicago Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 2300 East Devon Ave., Des Plaines, IL 60018; telephone (847) 294-7031; fax (847) 294-7834.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) by revising AD 97-18-02, Amendment 39-10112 (62 FR 45309, August 27, 1997), which is applicable to Hartzell Propeller Inc. ()HC-()(2,3)(X,V)()-() series and HA-A2V20-1B series propellers with aluminum blades was published in the **Federal Register** on January 2, 2003 (68 FR 71). That action proposed to revise AD 97-18-02 by introducing as an optional terminating action for the initial and repetitive inspections of that AD, replacement of affected propellers with Hartzell Propeller Inc. model "MV" series propellers.

Comments

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were received on the proposal or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public. The FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed.

Regulatory Analysis

This final rule does not have federalism implications, as defined in Executive Order 13132, because it 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. Accordingly, the FAA has not consulted with state authorities prior to publication of this final rule.

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 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. A final evaluation has been prepared for this action and it 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, 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 removing Amendment 39-10112 (62 FR 45309, August 27, 1997) and by adding a new airworthiness directive, Amendment 39-XXXXX, to read as follows: