

(MCNM) F100-060, Revision 1, dated March 19, 2001.

(1) If the over-center force is equal to or higher than 4.5 pounds, but not higher than 5.5 pounds, no further action is required by this paragraph.

(2) If the over-center force is less than 4.5 pounds or higher than 5.5 pounds, before further flight, readjust the over-center force and accomplish the corrective actions (including measuring and readjusting the minimum stop of the reverse-thrust lever and over-center force of the thrust reverser), per the service bulletin.

Functional Test and Corrective Actions

(b) Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD, perform a functional test of the secondary lock solenoid of the left- and right-hand thrust levers, per paragraph 2.B. of the Accomplishment Instructions of Fokker Service Bulletin SBF100-76-015, dated January 15, 2001, including SBCN SBF100-76-015/01, dated May 1, 2001, and MCNM F100-060, Revision 1, dated March 19, 2001.

(1) If the secondary lock solenoid does NOT (momentarily or continuously) energize with movement of the thrust levers as described in paragraph 2.B.(9) of the service bulletin, no further action is required by this paragraph.

(2) If the secondary lock solenoid (momentarily or continuously) energizes with movement of the thrust levers as described in paragraph 2.B.(9) of the service bulletin, before further flight, perform a rigging check of the thrust reverser switchbox and repeat the functional test of the secondary lock solenoid, per paragraph 2.B.(9) of the service bulletin.

(i) If the solenoid does NOT (momentarily or continuously) energize with movement of the thrust levers as described in paragraph 2.B.(9) of the service bulletin, no further action is required by this paragraph.

(ii) If the secondary lock solenoid still (momentarily or continuously) energizes with movement of the thrust levers as described in paragraph 2.B.(9) of the service bulletin, before further flight, replace the thrust reverser switchbox with a new or serviceable switchbox, per the service bulletin.

Credit for Accomplishment per Prior Version of Service Information

(c) Accomplishment, before the effective date of this AD, of the actions specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this AD in accordance with Fokker Service Bulletin SBF100-76-015, dated January 15, 2001, including MCNM F100-060, dated January 1, 2001, is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(d) 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 2: 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

(e) 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

(f) Unless otherwise specified in this AD, the actions shall be done in accordance with Fokker Service Bulletin SBF100-76-015, dated January 15, 2001, including Service Bulletin Change Notification SBF100-76-015/01, dated May 1, 2001, and Manual Change Notification MCNM F100-060, Revision 1, dated March 19, 2001. 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 Fokker Services B.V., P.O. Box 231, 2150 AE Nieuw-Vennep, the Netherlands. 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 3: The subject of this AD is addressed in Dutch airworthiness directive 2001-040, dated March 30, 2001.

Effective Date

(g) This amendment becomes effective on February 10, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002-NM-104-AD; Amendment 39-13007; AD 2002-26-19]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Saab Model SAAB 2000, SAAB SF340A, and SAAB 340B Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to all Saab Model SAAB 2000, SAAB SF340A, and SAAB 340B series airplanes, that requires replacing

the main pitot static tube on each side of the airplane with a new improved pitot static tube, and installing a gasket between the tube and the airplane structure. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent ice from blocking the pitot system, due to the pitot tube not having enough heating capacity to stay above freezing temperature, which could result in erroneous airspeed indications. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Effective February 10, 2003.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of February 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Saab Aircraft AB, SAAB Aircraft Product Support, S-581.88, Linköping, Sweden. This information may be examined at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, Rules Docket, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to all Saab Model SAAB 2000, SAAB SF340A, and SAAB 340B series airplanes was published in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 2002 (67 FR 47491). That action proposed to require replacing the main pitot static tube on each side of the airplane with a new improved pitot static tube, and installing a gasket between the tube and the airplane structure.

Comments

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were submitted in response to the proposal or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public.

Conclusion

The FAA has determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed.