

8. Section 299.5 is amended in the table heading by revising the term "INS form No." to read "Form No.," and in the table by adding, in proper alpha/numeric sequence, the entry for Form "I-901" to read as follows:

**§ 299.5 Display of control numbers.**

Form No.	Form title	Currently assigned OMB control No.
I-901	Fee Remittance For Certain F, J, and M Non-immigrants.	1115-

Dated: October 21, 2003.

**Tom Ridge,**

*Secretary of Homeland Security.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2002-NE-40-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc RB211-524 Series Turbofan Engines

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to adopt a new airworthiness directive (AD) for Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211-524 series turbofan engines, with certain part number (P/N) intermediate pressure (IP) compressor stage 5 discs installed. This proposed AD would establish new reduced IP compressor stage 5 disc cyclic limits. This action would also require removing from service, affected discs that already exceed the new reduced cyclic limit, and removing other affected discs before exceeding their cyclic limits, using a drawdown schedule. This action would also allow optional inspections at each shop visit or a one-time on-wing eddy current inspection (ECI) to extend the disc life beyond the lives specified. This proposed AD is prompted by the discovery of cracks in the cooling air

hole areas of the disc front spacer arm. We are proposing this AD to prevent IP compressor stage 5 disc failure, which could result in uncontained engine failure and possible damage to the airplane.

**DATES:** We must receive any comments on this proposed AD by December 26, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Use one of the following addresses to submit comments on this proposed AD:

- By mail: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2002-NE-40-AD, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299.

- By fax: (781) 238-7055.

- By e-mail: [9-ane-adcomment@faa.gov](mailto:9-ane-adcomment@faa.gov).

You can get the service information identified in this proposed AD from Rolls-Royce plc, P.O. Box 31 Derby, DE248BJ, United Kingdom; telephone 011-44-1332-242424; fax 011-44-1332-249936.

You may examine the AD docket at the FAA, New England Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ian Dargin, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5299; telephone (781) 238-7178; fax (781) 238-7199.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

We invite you to submit any written relevant data, views, or arguments regarding this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include "AD Docket No. 2002-NE-40-AD" in the subject line of your comments. If you want us to acknowledge receipt of your mailed comments, send us a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the docket number written on it; we will date-stamp your postcard and mail it back to you. We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed AD. If a person contacts us verbally, and that contact relates to a substantive part of this proposed AD, we will summarize the contact and place the summary in the docket. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend the proposed AD in light of those comments.

We are reviewing the writing style we currently use in regulatory documents.

We are interested in your comments on whether the style of this document is clear, and your suggestions to improve the clarity of our communications that affect you. You may get more information about plain language at <http://www.faa.gov/language> and <http://www.plainlanguage.gov>.

#### Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD Docket (including any comments and service information), by appointment, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. See **ADDRESSES** for the location.

#### Discussion

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), which is the airworthiness authority for the United Kingdom (U.K.), recently notified the FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on certain RR model RB211-524 series turbofan engines. The CAA reports that cracks were found, during overhaul, in the cooling air hole areas of the disc front spacer arm. The engine manufacturer has performed a reassessment of the safe cyclic limits of certain IP compressor stage 5 discs. The cyclic limits of these discs are reduced based on that reassessment. This condition, if not corrected, could result in uncontained engine failure and possible damage to the airplane.

#### Relevant Service Information

We have reviewed and approved the technical contents of mandatory service bulletin (MSB) RB.211-72-D428, Revision 3, dated June 30, 2003, that specifies a drawdown schedule for removing from service affected IP compressor stage 5 discs, using new Time Limits Manual (TLM) cyclic limits. The MSB also describes procedures for optional inspections at each shop visit to extend the disc life beyond the lives specified. The CAA has classified this service bulletin as mandatory and issued AD 006-04-2002 in order to ensure the airworthiness of these RR plc turbofan engines in the U.K. We have also reviewed and approved the technical contents of Service Bulletin (SB) RB.211-72-E148, dated March 13, 2003 and SB RB.211-72-E150, dated April 17, 2003 that provide an optional on-wing ECI of the affected discs, to extend the disc life beyond the lives specified.

#### Differences Between This Proposed AD and the Manufacturer's Service Information

The compliance time is added, to remove or inspect discs not later than 30 days after the effective date of this AD.