

**Replacement**

(a) Within five years from the effective date of this AD, perform the actions specified in

Table 1 of this AD for the applicable airplane configuration group, on the applicable doors, per the Accomplishment Instructions in

Boeing Service Bulletin 767-25-0266, dated September 14, 2000.

TABLE 1.—REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

For airplanes identified in the service bulletin as group—	Perform the following action—	At these affected doors—
1 .....	Replace the escape slides or slide-raft assemblies with new escape slide-raft assemblies, and replace the escape system latches with new latches.	Forward entry and service doors.
2 .....	Replace the escape slides or slide-raft assemblies with new escape slide-raft assemblies, and replace the escape system latches with new latches.	Forward and mid-cabin entry and service doors.
3 .....	Replace the escape slides or slide-raft assemblies with new escape slide-raft assemblies; replace the escape system latches with new latches; and replace the counterbalance assemblies with new counterbalance assemblies.	Forward entry and service doors.
4 .....	Replace the escape slides or slide-raft assemblies with new escape slide-raft assemblies; replace the escape system latches with new latches; and modify or replace the counterbalance assemblies with new counterbalance assemblies.	Forward entry and service doors.
5 .....	Replace the escape slides or slide-raft assemblies with new escape slide-raft assemblies; replace the escape system latches with new latches.	Forward and mid-cabin entry and service doors.
5 .....	Modify or replace the counterbalance assemblies with new counterbalance assemblies.	Forward entry and service doors.

**Replacements Accomplished Previously per the Service Bulletin**

(b) Replacements accomplished before the effective date of this AD per Boeing Service Bulletin 767-25-0266, dated September 14, 2000, are considered acceptable for compliance with the corresponding actions specified in this AD.

**Alternative Methods of Compliance**

(c) In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office, FAA, is authorized to approve alternative methods of compliance for this AD.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****14 CFR Part 39**

[Docket No. 2002-NM-334-AD]

**RIN 2120-AA64**

**Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 707 and 720 Series Airplanes**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

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

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to all Boeing Model 707 and 720 series airplanes. This proposed AD would require inspection of the bolt forward of

the wing front spar upper chord on the overwing support fittings of the inboard and outboard nacelle struts to verify that BACB30US type bolts are installed. If any other type of bolt is found, this proposed AD would require replacement with a new BACB30US type bolt. This action is necessary to prevent separation of the engine from the airplane due to stress corrosion cracking and consequent fracturing of the bolts. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by January 9, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2002-NM-334-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted via fax to (425) 227-1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address: [9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov](mailto:9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov). Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain "Docket No. 2002-NM-334-AD" in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate. Comments sent via the Internet as attached electronic files must be formatted in Microsoft Word 97 or 2000 or ASCII text.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207. This information may be examined at the FAA, Transport

Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Comments Invited**

Interested persons are invited to participate in the making of the proposed rule by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they may desire. Communications shall identify the Rules Docket number and be submitted in triplicate to the address specified above. All communications received on or before the closing date for comments, specified above, will be considered before taking action on the proposed rule. The proposals contained in this action may be changed in light of the comments received.

Submit comments using the following format:

- Organize comments issue-by-issue. For example, discuss a request to change the compliance time and a request to change the service bulletin reference as two separate issues.
- For each issue, state what specific change to the proposed AD is being requested.
- Include justification (e.g., reasons or data) for each request.

Comments are specifically invited on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of the proposed rule. All comments submitted will be available, both before and after the closing date for comments,