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*Model Number:* Standardized NUHOMS®-24P, NUHOMS®-52B, NUHOMS®-61BT, and NUHOMS®-32PT.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of August, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Carl J. Paperiello,**

*Acting Executive Director for Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-NE-34-AD; Amendment 39-13257; AD 2003-16-04]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney Canada Turboprop Engines; Correction

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

**ACTION:** Final rule; correction.

**SUMMARY:** This document makes a correction to Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2003-16-04 that applies to Pratt & Whitney Canada (PWC) engine models PW118, PW118A, PW118B, PW119B, PW119C, PW120, PW120A, PW121, PW121A, PW123, PW123B, PW123C, PW123D, PW123E, PW123AF, PW124B, PW125B, PW126, PW126A, PW127, PW127B, PW127E, PW127F, PW127G, PW127H, and PW127J turboprop engines that was published in the **Federal Register** on August 6, 2003. Certain engine models were incorrectly included in the preamble section, under

Summary and Supplementary Information, and in the regulatory section under Applicability. In addition, airplanes on which these engines are installed were incorrectly included in the regulatory section, under Applicability. This document corrects these items. In all other respects, the original document remains the same.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Effective August 6, 2003.

**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:** A final rule AD, FR Doc 03-19840, that applies to Pratt & Whitney Canada (PWC) engine models PW118, PW118A, PW118B, PW119B, PW119C, PW120, PW120A, PW121, PW121A, PW123, PW123B, PW123C, PW123D, PW123E, PW123AF, PW124B, PW125B, PW126, PW126A, PW127, PW127B, PW127E, PW127F, PW127G, PW127H, and PW127J turboprop engines, was published in the **Federal Register** on August 6, 2003 (68 FR 46441). The following corrections are needed:

On page 46441, in the third column, in the preamble section, under **SUMMARY**, in the first paragraph, in the first, second, third, and fourth lines, "PW123AF, PW124B, PW125B, PW126, PW126A, PW127, PW127B, PW127E, PW127F, PW127G, PW127H, and PW127J turboprop engines" is corrected to read "PW123AF, PW124B, PW125B, PW126A, PW127, PW127E, PW127F, and PW127G turboprop engines".

On page 46441, in the third column, in the preamble section, under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, in the first paragraph, in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth lines, "PW123AF, PW124B, PW125B, PW126, PW126A, PW127, PW127B, PW127E, PW127F, PW127G, PW127H, and PW127J turboprop engines" is corrected to read "PW123AF, PW124B, PW125B, PW126A, PW127, PW127E, PW127F, and PW127G turboprop engines".

#### § 39.13 [Corrected]

■ On page 46442, in the third column, in the regulatory section, under Applicability, in the first paragraph, in the seventh, eighth, and ninth lines, "PW125B, PW126, PW126A, PW127, PW127B, PW127E, PW127F, PW127G, PW127H, and PW127J turboprop engines." is corrected to read "PW125B, PW126A, PW127, PW127E, PW127F, and PW127G turboprop engines."

■ On page 46442, in the third column, in the regulatory section, under Applicability, in the first paragraph, in the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth lines, "EMB-120; Fairchild Dornier 328, Fokker 50 and 60; Ilyushin IL-114-100; BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd. ATP; and XIAN MA-60." is corrected to read "EMB-120; Fairchild Dornier 328, Fokker 50; and BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd. ATP."

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**Marc J. Bouthillier,**

*Acting Manager, Engine and Propeller Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2001-NM-325-AD; Amendment 39-13274; AD 2003-17-01]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to all McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 airplanes, that requires revising the Airworthiness Limitations Section of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness to incorporate new removal limits for certain components of the flap system and to reduce the interval of inspections for fatigue cracking of certain principal structural elements (PSEs). This action is necessary to detect and correct fatigue cracking of certain safe-life structure and certain PSEs, which could adversely affect the structural integrity of the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

**DATES:** Effective September 23, 2003.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of September 23, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The service information referenced in this AD may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Aircraft Group, Long Beach Division, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90846, Attention: Data and Service Management, Dept. C1-L5A

(D800-0024). 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 FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maureen Moreland, Aerospace Engineer, Airframe Branch, ANM-120L, FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California 90712-4137; telephone (562) 627-5238; fax (562) 627-5210.

**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 McDonnell Douglas Model 717-200 airplanes was published in the **Federal Register** on June 4, 2003 (68 FR 33418). That action proposed to require revising the Airworthiness Limitations Section of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness to incorporate new removal limits for certain components of the flap system and to reduce the interval of inspections for fatigue cracking of certain principal structural elements (PSEs).

#### 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.

#### Changes to 14 CFR Part 39/Effect on the AD

On July 10, 2002, the FAA issued a new version of 14 CFR part 39 (67 FR 47997), July 22, 2002), which governs the FAA's airworthiness directives system. The regulation now includes material that relates to altered products, special flight permits, and alternative methods of compliance. However, for clarity and consistency in this final rule, we have retained the language of the NPRM regarding that material.

#### Change to Labor Rate Estimate

We have reviewed the figures we have used over the past several years to calculate AD costs to operators. To account for various inflationary costs in

the airline industry, we find it necessary to increase the labor rate used in these calculations from \$60 per work hour to \$65 per work hour. The cost impact information, below, reflects this increase in the specified hourly labor rate.

#### Cost Impact

There are approximately 133 Model 717-200 series airplanes of the affected design in the worldwide fleet. The FAA estimates that 108 airplanes of U.S. registry will be affected by this AD, that it will take approximately 1 work hour per airplane to accomplish the required actions, and that the average labor rate is \$65 per work hour. Based on these figures, the cost impact of the AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$7,020, or \$65 per airplane.

The cost impact figure discussed above is based on assumptions that no operator has yet accomplished any of the requirements of this AD action, and 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:

#### 2003-17-01 McDonnell Douglas:

Amendment 39-13274. Docket 2001-NM-325-AD.

**Applicability:** All Model 717-200 airplanes, certificated in any category.

**Note 1:** This AD requires revisions to certain operator maintenance documents to include new inspections. Compliance with these inspections is required by 14 CFR 91.403(c). For airplanes that have been previously modified, altered, or repaired in the areas addressed by these inspections, the operator may not be able to accomplish the inspections described in the revisions. In this situation, to comply with 14 CFR 91.403(c), the operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (c) of this AD. The request should include a description of changes to the required inspections that will ensure the continued damage tolerance of the affected structure. The FAA has provided guidance for this determination in Advisory Circular (AC) 25-1529.

**Compliance:** Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To detect and correct fatigue cracking of certain safe-life structure and certain principal structural elements, which could adversely affect the structural integrity of the airplane; accomplish the following:

#### Revising Airworthiness Limitations Section

(a) Within 180 days after the effective date of this AD, revise the Airworthiness Limitations Section of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness, Airworthiness Limitations Instructions (ALI), in accordance with Boeing Report No. MDC-96K9063, Revision 3, dated August 2002.

(b) Except as provided by paragraph (c) of this AD: After the actions specified in paragraph (a) of this AD have been accomplished, no alternative inspection intervals or removal times may be approved for the safe-life limited parts specified in Boeing Report No. MDC-96K9063, Revision 3, dated August 2002.

### Alternative Methods of Compliance

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

### Incorporation by Reference

(d) The actions shall be done in accordance with Boeing Report No. MDC-96K9063, Revision 3, dated August 2002. 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 Boeing Commercial Aircraft Group, Long Beach Division, 3855 Lakewood Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90846, Attention: Data and Service Management, Dept. C1-L5A (D800-0024). Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the FAA, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, California; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

### Effective Date

(e) This amendment becomes effective on September 23, 2003.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on August 11, 2003.

**Neil D. Schalekamp,**

*Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2003-CE-14-AD; Amendment 39-13275; AD 2003-17-02]

RIN 2120-AA64

### Airworthiness Directives; EXTRA Flugzeugbau GmbH Models EA-300/200, EA-300L, and EA-300S Airplanes

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to all EXTRA Flugzeugbau GmbH (EXTRA) Models EA-300/200, EA-300L, and EA-300S airplanes. This AD requires you to inspect the fuel selector valve for leakage and the wing for structural damage and correct any damage or leakage. This AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for Germany. The actions specified by this AD are intended to detect and correct fuel

leakage in the wings, which could lead to structural damage of the wings and possible reduced structural margins. Reduced structural margins could lead to eventual structural failure.

**DATES:** This AD becomes effective on October 10, 2003.

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

**ADDRESSES:** You may get the service information referenced in this AD from EXTRA Flugzeugbau GmbH, Flugplatz Dinslaken, D-46569 Hunxe, Federal Republic of Germany; telephone: (0 28 58) 91 37-00; facsimile: (0 28 58) 91 37-30. You may view this information at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-CE-14-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karl Schletzbaum, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4146; facsimile: (816) 329-4090.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Discussion

*What events have caused this AD?* The Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA), which is the airworthiness authority for Germany, recently notified FAA that an unsafe condition may exist on all EXTRA Models EA-300/200, EA-300L, and EA-300S airplanes. The LBA reports several occurrences where the fuel selector valve did not operate correctly. When the wing tanks are selected, the acro/center tank is not completely shut-off. The result is fuel draining into the wing tanks that must be empty for aerobatics. This failure of the fuel selector valve to correctly operate is caused by the deterioration of the "O"-ring in the valve.

*What is the potential impact if FAA took no action?* Aerobatic operation with fuel in the wings could lead to structural damage of the wings and possibly reduced structural margins. Reduced structural margins could lead to eventual structural failure.

*Has FAA taken any action to this point?* We issued a proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that would apply to all EXTRA Flugzeugbau GmbH (EXTRA) Models EA-300/200, EA-300L, and EA-300S airplanes. This proposal was published in the **Federal Register** as a notice of

proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on May 2, 2003 (68 FR 23427). The NPRM proposed to require you to inspect the fuel selector valve for leakage and the wing for structural damage and correct any damage or leakage.

*Was the public invited to comment?*

The FAA encouraged interested persons to participate in the making of this amendment. The following presents the comment received on the proposal and FAA's response to the comment:

### Comment Issue: Condition Only Evident in Airplanes With Installed Long-Range Fuel Tanks

*What is the commenter's concern?*

One commenter states that the condition is only evident in airplanes with long-range fuel tanks installed because of the unique physical configuration of the tanks and does not affect the fuel selector valve. Further, the problem does not exist on the affected airplane model that does not have selectable tanks. The commenter also states that there have been no known structural failures; only a few fuel leaks and paint cracks. The FAA infers that the commenter wants the NPRM withdrawn. Further, we infer that if the AD is issued, the commenter wants the AD to apply only to airplanes with long-range fuel tanks installed.

*What is FAA's response to the concern?* The FAA disagrees that the NPRM should be withdrawn or that the AD should apply only to airplanes with long-range fuel tanks installed. While FAA agrees that the structural cracks have only been found on some airplanes with long-range fuel tanks installed, FAA has determined that the condition should be addressed on all airplanes listed on the German AD that are type certificated for operation in the United States. The leaking fuel selector is not the main problem; the primary concern is the consequent structural damage done by the presence of fuel in the wing tanks that must be empty during aerobatics.

We are not changing the final rule AD action as a result of this comment.

### FAA's Determination

*What is FAA's final determination on this issue?* We carefully reviewed all available information related to the subject presented above and determined that air safety and the public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed except for the changes discussed above and minor editorial corrections. We have determined that these changes and minor corrections:

—Provide the intent that was proposed in the NPRM for correcting the unsafe condition; and