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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2019-0869; Product Identifier 2019-NM-162-AD; Amendment 39-19842; AD 2020-03-18]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Defense and Space S.A. (Formerly Known as Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A.) Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is superseding Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2017-19-08 and AD 2018-19-02, which applied to Airbus Defense and Space S.A. Model C-212-CB, C-212-CC, C-212-CD, C-212-CE, and C-212-DF airplanes. AD 2018-19-02 required repetitive inspections of the rudder pedal control system support box and shaft and applicable corrective actions; accomplishing those actions terminated the requirements of AD 2017-19-08. This AD continues to require repetitive inspections and applicable corrective actions; and also requires a modification of the rudder pedal adjustment system; as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is incorporated by reference. This AD was prompted by a determination that a modification must be done in order to address the unsafe condition. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective April 2, 2020.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of April 2, 2020.

ADDRESSES: For the material incorporated by reference (IBR) in this

AD, contact the EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 89990 1000; email ADs@easa.europa.eu; internet www.easa.europa.eu. You may find this IBR material on the EASA website at <https://ad.easa.europa.eu>. You may view this IBR material at the FAA, Transport Standards Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206-231-3195. It is also available in the AD docket on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2019-0869.

Examining the AD Docket

You may examine the AD docket on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2019-0869; or in person at Docket Operations between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this final rule, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The address for Docket Operations is U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

The EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2019-0221, dated September 5, 2019 (“EASA AD 2019-0221”) (also referred to as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition for certain Airbus Defense and Space S.A. Model C-212-CB, C-212-CC, C-212-CD, C-212-CE, C-212-DD, C-212-DF, and C-212-EE airplanes. Model C-212-DD and C-212-EE airplanes are not certified by the FAA and are not included on the U.S. type certificate data sheet; this AD therefore does not include those airplanes in the

applicability. EASA AD 2019-0221 supersedes EASA AD 2018-0051, dated March 2, 2018 (which corresponds to FAA AD 2018-19-02, Amendment 39-19402 (83 FR 46857, September 17, 2018) (“AD 2018-19-02”).

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 to supersede AD 2017-19-08, Amendment 39-19038 (82 FR 43835, September 20, 2017) (“AD 2017-19-08”) and AD 2018-19-02. AD 2018-19-02 applied to certain Airbus Defense and Space S.A. Model C-212-CB, C-212-CC, C-212-CD, C-212-CE, and C-212-DF airplanes. Accomplishing the actions required by AD 2018-19-02 terminated all of the requirements of AD 2017-19-08. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on November 18, 2019 (84 FR 63580). The NPRM was prompted by a determination that a modification must be done in order to address the unsafe condition. The NPRM proposed to continue to require repetitive inspections and applicable corrective actions. The NPRM also proposed to require a modification of the rudder pedal adjustment system.

The FAA is issuing this AD to address failure of the rudder pedal control system support structure, which could result in reduced controllability of the airplane. See the MCAI for additional background information.

Comments

The FAA gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this final rule. The FAA received no comments on the NPRM or on the determination of the cost to the public.

Conclusion

The FAA reviewed the relevant data and determined that air safety and the public interest require adopting this final rule as proposed, except for minor editorial changes. The FAA has determined that these minor changes:

- Are consistent with the intent that was proposed in the NPRM for addressing the unsafe condition; and
- Do not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed in the NPRM.

Related IBR Material Under 1 CFR Part 51

EASA AD 2019-0221 describes procedures for repetitive inspections of the rudder pedal control system support box and shaft, and a modification of the

rudder pedal adjustment system. The modification is terminating action for the repetitive inspections. This material is reasonably available because the interested parties have access to it

through their normal course of business or by the means identified in the ADDRESSES section.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 37 airplanes of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

Action	Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
Retained actions from AD 2018–19–02	8 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$680	\$0	\$680	\$25,160
New actions	9 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$765	20,000	20,765	768,305

The FAA estimates the following costs to do any necessary on-condition actions that would be required based on

the results of any required actions. The FAA has no way of determining the

number of aircraft that might need this on-condition action:

ESTIMATED COSTS OF ON-CONDITION ACTION

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product
9 work-hours × \$85 per hour = \$765	\$20,000	\$20,765

Authority for This Rulemaking

Title 49 of the United States Code specifies the FAA’s authority to issue rules on aviation safety. Subtitle I, section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII: Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the Agency’s authority.

The FAA is issuing this rulemaking under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart III, Section 44701: “General requirements.” Under that section, Congress charges the FAA with promoting safe flight of civil aircraft in air commerce by prescribing regulations for practices, methods, and procedures the Administrator finds necessary for safety in air commerce. This regulation is within the scope of that authority because it addresses an unsafe condition that is likely to exist or develop on products identified in this rulemaking action.

Regulatory Findings

This AD will not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This AD 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.

For the reasons discussed above, I certify that this AD:

- (1) Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866,
- (2) Will not affect intrastate aviation in Alaska, 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.

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Incorporation by reference, Safety.

Adoption of the Amendment

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the FAA amends 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. The FAA amends § 39.13 by removing Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2017–19–08, Amendment 39–19038 (82 FR 43835, September 20, 2017), and AD 2018–19–02, Amendment 39–19402 (83 FR 46857, September 17, 2018), and adding the following new AD:

2020–03–18 Airbus Defense and Space S.A. (Formerly Known as Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A.): Amendment 39–19842; Docket No. FAA–2019–0869; Product Identifier 2019–NM–162–AD.

(a) Effective Date

This AD is effective April 2, 2020.

(b) Affected ADs

This AD replaces AD 2017–19–08, Amendment 39–19038 (82 FR 43835, September 20, 2017), and AD 2018–19–02, Amendment 39–19402 (83 FR 46857, September 17, 2018).

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus Defense and Space S.A. Model C–212–CB, C–212–CC, C–212–CD, C–212–CE, and C–212–DF airplanes, certificated in any category, as identified in European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2019–0221, dated September 5, 2019 (“EASA AD 2019–0221”).

(d) Subject

Air Transport Association (ATA) of America Code 27, Flight Controls.

(e) Reason

This AD was prompted by reports of failures of the rudder pedal control system support structure. The FAA is issuing this AD to address failure of the rudder pedal control system support structure, which could result in reduced controllability of the airplane.

(f) Compliance

Comply with this AD within the compliance times specified, unless already done.

(g) Requirements

Except as specified in paragraph (h) of this AD: Comply with all required actions and compliance times specified in, and in accordance with, EASA AD 2019–0221.

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2019–0221

For purposes of determining compliance with the requirements of this AD:

- (1) Where EASA AD 2019–0221 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) The “Remarks” section of EASA AD 2019–0221 does not apply to this AD.

(i) Other FAA AD Provisions

The following provisions also apply to this AD:

(1) *Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)*: The Manager, International Section, Transport Standards Branch, FAA, has the authority to approve AMOCs for this AD, if requested using the procedures found in 14 CFR 39.19. In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, send your request to your principal inspector or local Flight Standards District Office, as appropriate. If sending information directly to the International Section, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (j) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: 9-ANM-116-AMOC-REQUESTS@faa.gov. Before using any approved AMOC, notify your appropriate principal inspector, or lacking a principal inspector, the manager of the local flight standards district office/certificate holding district office.

(2) *Contacting the Manufacturer*: For any requirement in this AD to obtain instructions from a manufacturer, the instructions must be accomplished using a method approved by the Manager, International Section, Transport Standards Branch, FAA; or EASA; or Airbus Defense and Space S.A.’s EASA Design Organization Approval (DOA). If approved by the DOA, the approval must include the DOA-authorized signature.

(j) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Shahram Daneshmandi, Aerospace Engineer, International Section, Transport Standards Branch, FAA, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA 98198; telephone and fax 206 231 3220; email shahram.daneshmandi@faa.gov.

(k) Material Incorporated by Reference

(1) The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference (IBR) of the service information listed in this paragraph under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

(2) You must use this service information as applicable to do the actions required by this AD, unless this AD specifies otherwise.

(3) The following service information was approved for IBR on April 2, 2020.

(i) European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2019–0221, dated September 5, 2019.

(ii) [Reserved]

(4) For information about EASA AD 2019–0221, contact the EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 89990 6017; email ADs@easa.europa.eu; Internet www.easa.europa.eu. You may find this EASA AD on the EASA website at <https://ad.easa.europa.eu>.

(5) You may view this material at the FAA, Transport Standards Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195. This material may be found in the AD docket on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2019–0869.

(6) You may view this material that is incorporated by reference at the National

Archives and Records Administration (NARA). For information on the availability of this material at NARA, email fedreg.legal@nara.gov, or go to: <https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/cfr/ibr-locations.html>.

Issued on February 12, 2020.

Lance T. Gant,

Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2019–0727; Product Identifier 2019–NM–090–AD; Amendment 39–19840; AD 2020–03–15]

RIN 2120–AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Airbus SAS Model A321–211, –212, –213, –231, and –232 airplanes. This AD was prompted by a report of erroneous positioning of affected parts on the skin of the fuselage during the pre-drill phase, which could result in unwanted drill-starts. This AD requires inspections for the presence of unwanted drill-starts on affected parts, and an inspection for cracks and corrective action if necessary, as specified in a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD, which is incorporated by reference. The FAA is issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

DATES: This AD is effective April 2, 2020.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of April 2, 2020.

ADDRESSES: For the material incorporated by reference (IBR) in this AD, contact the EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 89990 1000; email ADs@easa.europa.eu; internet www.easa.europa.eu. You may find this IBR material on the EASA website at <https://ad.easa.europa.eu>. You may view this IBR material at the FAA, Transport Standards Branch, 2200 South 216th St., Des Moines, WA. For information on the availability of this

material at the FAA, call 206–231–3195. It is also available in the AD docket on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2019–0727.

Examining the AD Docket

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

The EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2019–0098, dated May 3, 2019 (“EASA AD 2019–0098”) (also referred to as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition for certain Airbus SAS Model A321–211, –212, –213, –231, and –232 airplanes.

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to certain Airbus SAS Model A321–211, –212, –213, –231, and –232 airplanes. The NPRM published in the **Federal Register** on October 28, 2019 (84 FR 57657). The NPRM was prompted by a report of erroneous positioning of affected parts (internal upper doublers of the forward emergency exit doors (#2 position), left-hand and right-hand sides) on the skin of the fuselage during the pre-drill phase, which could result in unwanted drill-starts. The NPRM proposed to require inspections for the presence of unwanted drill-starts on affected parts, and an inspection for cracks and corrective action if necessary.

The FAA is issuing this AD to address unwanted drill-starts, which could affect the fatigue properties of affected fuselage skin parts and possibly result