(g) Required Actions

(1) At the next engine shop visit after the effective date of this AD, remove the affected HPT inner stationary seal and replace with a HPT inner stationary seal that is eligible for installation.

(2) After removing the affected HPT inner stationary seal required by paragraph (g)(1), inspect the removed HPT inner stationary seal for honeycomb separation, as defined in the Accomplishment Instructions, paragraph 3.C.(1), in CFM SB CFM56–5B S/B 72–0952, Revision 01, dated January 15, 2020, or in CFM SB CFM56–7B S/B 72–1054, Revision 01, dated January 15, 2020.

(3) If honeycomb separation is found during the inspection required by paragraph (g)(2) of this AD, before further flight:

(i) Remove the rotating air HPT front seal from service and replace with a rotating air HPT front seal that is eligible for installation.

(ii) Remove the HPT rotor blades and replace them with HPT rotor blades eligible for installation.

(iii) Remove the No. 3 ball bearing from service and replace with a No. 3 ball bearing eligible for installation.

(h) Definitions

(1) For the purpose of this AD, an "engine shop visit" is the induction of an engine into the shop for maintenance involving the separation of pairs of major mating engine case flanges, except for the following situations, which do not constitute an engine shop visit.

(i) Separation of engine flanges solely for the purpose of transportation of the engine without subsequent maintenance.

(ii) Separation of engine flanges solely for the purpose of replacing the fan or propulsor without subsequent maintenance.

(2) For the purpose of this AD, an HPT inner stationary seal that is eligible for installation is an HPT inner stationary seal:

(i) That is not listed in Planning Information, Paragraph 1.A., Table 1, of CFM SB CFM56–5B S/B 72–0952, Revision 01, dated January 15, 2020, or in Planning Information, Paragraph 1.A., Table 1, CFM SB CFM56–7B S/B 72–1054, Revision 01, dated January 15, 2020; or

(ii) with a P/N 1808M56G01 and with a S/N listed in Paragraph 1.A., Table 1, of CFM SB CFM56–5B S/B 72–0952, Revision 01, dated January 15, 2020, or Paragraph 1.A., Table 1, CFM SB CFM56–7B S/B 72–1054, Revision 01, dated January 15, 2020, that has been repaired per CFM56–5B ESM, 72–41–03, REPAIR 003, or CFM56–7B ESM, 72–41–03, REPAIR 003, after the year listed in Paragraph 1.A., Table 1, of CFM SB CFM56–5B S/B 72–0952, Revision 01, dated January 15, 2020, or Paragraph 1.A., Table 1, CFM SB CFM56–7B S/B 72–0952, Revision 01, dated January 15, 2020, or Paragraph 1.A., Table 1, CFM SB CFM56–7B S/B 72–1054, Revision 01, dated January 15, 2020.

(3) For the purpose of this AD, a rotating air HPT front seal that is eligible for installation is any rotating air HPT front seal that was not removed from service as a result of the inspection of the HPT inner stationary seal required by paragraph (g)(2) of this AD in which there was a finding of honeycomb separation.

(4) For the purpose of this AD, HPT rotor blades eligible for installation are new HPT

rotor blades with zero flight hours since news or HPT rotor blades that have been inspected and returned to a serviceable condition using approved engine manual requirements.

(5) For the purpose of this AD, a No. 3 ball bearing eligible for installation is any No. 3 ball bearing that was not removed from service as a result of the inspection of the HPT inner stationary seal required by paragraph (g)(2) of this AD in which there was a finding of honeycomb separation.

(i) No Reporting Requirement

The reporting requirements contained within the SBs referenced in paragraph (g) of this AD are not required by this AD.

(j) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, ECO 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 manager of the certification office, send it to the attention of the person identified in Related Information. You may email your request to: *ANE-AD-AMOC*@ faa.gov.

(2) 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.

(k) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Christopher McGuire, Aviation Safety Engineer, ECO Branch, FAA, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803; phone: (781) 238–7120; fax: (781) 238–7199; email: chris.mcguire@faa.gov.

(l) 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 the AD specifies otherwise.

(i) CFM Service Bulletin CFM56–5B S/B 72–0952, Revision 01, dated January 15, 2020.

(ii) CFM Service Bulletin CFM56–7B S/B 72–1054, Revision 01, dated January 15, 2020.

(3) For CFM service information identified in this AD, contact CFM International Inc., Aviation Operations Center, 1 Neumann Way, M/D Room 285, Cincinnati, OH 45125; phone: (877) 432–3272; fax: (877) 432–3329; email: aviation.fleetsupport@ge.com.

(4) You may view this service information at FAA, Airworthiness Products Section, Operational Safety Branch, 1200 District Avenue, Burlington, MA 01803. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call (781) 238–7759.

(5) You may view this service information 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 April 29, 2021.

Lance T. Gant,

Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service. [FR Doc. 2021–10607 Filed 5–19–21; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910–13–P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2021–0143; Product Identifier 2019–SW–024–AD; Amendment 39–21547; AD 2021–10–14]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH Helicopters

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for certain Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH Model BO-105A, BO-105C, BO-105S, and BO-105LS A-3 helicopters. This AD was prompted by the FAA's determination that aging of the elastomeric material in a tension torsion strap (TT-strap) could affect the structural characteristics of the TTstrap. This AD requires replacement of certain TT-straps with serviceable parts and implementation of a new storage life limit for TT-straps, as specified in a European Aviation Safety Agency (now 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 June 24, 2021.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of June 24, 2021.

ADDRESSES: For material incorporated by reference (IBR) in this AD, contact the EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; email *ADs*@ *easa.europa.eu;* internet *www.easa.europa.eu.* You may find this material on the EASA website at *https:// ad.easa.europa.eu.* You may view this material at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Room 6N–321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 817–222–5110. It is also available in the AD docket on the internet at *https://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2021–0143.

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–2021– 0143; 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, 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Blaine Williams, Aviation Safety Engineer, Los Angeles ACO Branch, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, CA 90712 4137; telephone 562–627– 5371; email *blaine.williams@faa.gov.* **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Background

The EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2019-0024, dated February 4, 2019 (EASA AD 2019-0024) (also referred to as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or the MCAI), to correct an unsafe condition for certain Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH Model BO–105A, BO-105C, BO-105D, BO-105S, and BO-105LS A-3 helicopters. Model BO-105D helicopters are not certificated by the FAA and are not included on the U.S. type certificate data sheet; this AD therefore does not include those helicopters in the applicability.

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 Helicopters Deutschland GmbH Model BO-105A, BO-105C, BO-105S, and BO-105LS A-3 helicopters. The NPRM published in the Federal Register on March 12, 2021 (86 FR 14023). The NPRM was prompted by the FAA's determination that aging of the elastomeric material in a tension TT-strap could affect the structural characteristics of the TTstrap. The NPRM proposed to require replacement of certain TT-straps with serviceable parts and implementation of a new storage life limit for TT-straps, as specified in an EASA AD.

The FAA is issuing this AD to address aging of the elastomeric material in a TT-strap, which could lead to premature failure of a TT-strap, resulting in loss of control of the helicopter. See the MCAI for additional background information.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

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 Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

EASA AD 2019–0024 specifies procedures for replacing certain TTstraps with serviceable parts and

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR REQUIRED ACTIONS

requires a storage life limit for TT-
straps. 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.

Differences Between This AD and the MCAI

Although EASA AD 2019–0024 does not specify a life limit for the Lord TT-Straps part number (P/N) J17322–1 and P/N 117–14111, this AD does specify a life limit for those parts.

Where EASA AD 2019–0024 specifies that installation of a Lord TT-Strap is allowed provided the first flight of that helicopter after that installation is accomplished before the storage life of that Lord TT-Strap exceeds 5 years, for this AD, the installation of a Lord TT-Strap is allowed provided the first flight of that helicopter after that installation is accomplished before 5 years since the TT-strap's date of manufacture.

Where EASA AD 2019–0024 defines "serviceable part" as a Lord TT-Strap having a storage life not exceeding 5 years, for this AD, a serviceable part is Lord TT-straps P/N J17322–1 and P/N 117–14111 having less than 5 years since that TT-strap's date of manufacture.

Where EASA AD 2019–0024 specifies that the "cure date" of a TT-Strap can be determined using the information provided in the applicable service information specified in EASA AD 2019–0024, or contacting Airbus Helicopters for applicable instructions, for this AD, the option of contacting Airbus Helicopters is not required.

Costs of Compliance

The FAA estimates that this AD affects 61 helicopters of U.S. registry. The FAA estimates the following costs to comply with this AD:

Labor cost	Parts cost	Cost per product	Cost on U.S. operators
4 work-hours \times \$85 per hour = \$340	Up to \$4,800	Up to \$5,140	Up to \$313,540.

According to the manufacturer, some or all of the costs of this AD may be covered under warranty, thereby reducing the cost impact on affected operators. The FAA does not control warranty coverage for affected operators. As a result, the FAA has included all known costs in the cost estimate.

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.

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 adding the following new airworthiness directive:

2021–10–14 Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH: Amendment 39– 21547; Docket No. FAA–2021–0143;

21547; Docket No. FAA–2021–0143; Product Identifier 2019–SW–024–AD.

(a) Effective Date

This airworthiness directive (AD) is effective June 24, 2021.

(b) Affected ADs

This AD affects AD 2016–25–14, Amendment 39–18740 (81 FR 94944, December 27, 2016) (AD 2016–25–14).

(c) Applicability

This AD applies to Airbus Helicopters Deutschland GmbH Model BO–105A, BO– 105C, BO–105S, and BO–105LS A–3 helicopters, certificated in any category, equipped with a tension torsion strap (TT- strap) as identified in European Aviation Safety Agency (now European Union Aviation Safety Agency) (EASA) AD 2019– 0024, dated February 4, 2019 (EASA AD 2019–0024).

(d) Subject

Joint Aircraft System Component (JASC) Code 6200, Main Rotor System.

(e) Reason

This AD was prompted by the FAA's determination that aging of the elastomeric material in a TT-strap could affect the structural characteristics of the TT-strap. The FAA is issuing this AD to address aging of the elastomeric material in a TT-strap, which could lead to premature failure of a TT-strap, resulting in loss of control of the helicopter.

(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 2019–0024.

(h) Exceptions to EASA AD 2019–0024

(1) Where EASA AD 2019–0024 refers to its effective date, this AD requires using the effective date of this AD.

(2) The "Remarks" section of EASA AD 2019–0024 does not apply to this AD.

(3) Where EASA AD 2019–0024 and the service information referenced in EASA AD 2019–0024 specify contacting Airbus Helicopters Deutschland if the storage time for a TT-strap is equal to or greater than 5 years, this AD requires repair using a method approved by the Manager, International Validation Branch, FAA. For a repair method to be approved by the Manager, International Validation Branch, as required by this paragraph, the Manager's approval letter must specifically refer to this AD.

(4) Although the service information referenced in EASA AD 2019–0024 specifies to scrap certain parts, this AD requires removing those parts from service instead.

(5) Where paragraph (1) of EASA AD 2019– 0024 specifies to replace each Lord TT-Strap and Bendix TT-Strap "in accordance with the instructions of the applicable ASB," the replacement must be done using FAAapproved procedures.

(6) Where EASA AD 2019–0024 refers to the airworthiness limitations items of the airworthiness limitations section of the aircraft maintenance manual (AMM) for the definition of service life limit (SLL), this AD requires using the life limits specified in paragraphs (h)(6)(i) through (iii) of this AD, as applicable:

(i) For Bendix TT-Strap part number (P/N) 2604067 and P/N 117-14110: Before 10 years or 40,000 flight cycles on the part, whichever occurs first.

(ii) For Bendix TT-Strap P/N 2602559 and P/N 2606576: Before 10 years, 2,400 hours time-in-service, or 40,000 flight cycles on the part, whichever occurs first.

(iii) For Lord TT-Strap P/N J17322–1 and P/N 117–14111: Before 12 years or 40,000

flight cycles on the part, whichever occurs first.

(7) Where paragraph (3) of EASA AD 2019– 0024 specifies that installation of a Lord TT-Strap is allowed provided the first flight of that helicopter after that installation is accomplished before the storage life of that Lord TT-Strap exceeds 5 years, for this AD, the installation of a Lord TT-Strap is allowed provided the first flight of that helicopter after that installation is accomplished before 5 years since the TT-strap's date of manufacture.

(8) Where EASA AD 2019–0024 defines "serviceable part" as a Lord TT-Strap having a storage life not exceeding 5 years, for this AD, a serviceable part is Lord TT-straps P/ N J17322–1 and P/N 117–14111 having less than 5 years since that TT-strap's date of manufacture.

(9) Where EASA AD 2019–0024 specifies that the "cure date" of a TT-Strap can be determined using the information provided in the applicable service information specified in EASA AD 2019–0024, or contacting Airbus Helicopters for applicable instructions, for this AD, the option of contacting Airbus Helicopters is not required.

(i) Repetitive Replacement

After accomplishing the replacement specified in paragraph (1) of EASA AD 2019– 0024, thereafter, replace the Lord TT-straps P/N J17322–1 and P/N 117–14111, at intervals not to exceed: Before 12 years or 40,000 flight cycles on the part, whichever occurs first.

(j) Terminating Action for AD 2016-25-14

For Model B0–105LS A–3 helicopters: After accomplishing the replacement specified in paragraph (1) of EASA AD 2019– 0024 all of the actions required by AD 2016– 15–14 are terminated for that helicopter only.

(k) Special Flight Permit

Special flight permits, as described in 14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199, are not allowed.

(l) Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs)

(1) The Manager, International Validation 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 manager of the International Validation Branch, send it to the attention of the person identified in paragraph (m) of this AD. Information may be emailed to: *9-AVS-AIR-730-AMOC@faa.gov.*

(2) 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.

(m) Related Information

For more information about this AD, contact Blaine Williams, Aviation Safety Engineer, Los Angeles ACO Branch, 3960 Paramount Boulevard, Lakewood, CA 90712 4137; telephone 562–627–5371; email blaine.williams@faa.gov.

(n) 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.

(i) European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AD 2019–0024, dated February 4, 2019.

(ii) [Reserved]

(3) For EASA AD 2019–0024, contact the EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; telephone +49 221 8999 000; 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.*

(4) You may view this service information at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Room 6N–321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 817–222–5110. 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–2021–0143.

(5) 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 April 30, 2021.

Lance T. Gant,

Director, Compliance & Airworthiness Division, Aircraft Certification Service. [FR Doc. 2021–10605 Filed 5–19–21; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910–13–P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA–2021–0105; Project Identifier MCAI–2020–01422–R; Amendment 39–21543; AD 2021–10–10]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters

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

SUMMARY: The FAA is adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Airbus Helicopters Model SA330J helicopters. This AD was prompted by the failure of a second stage planet gear installed in the main gearbox (MGB). This AD requires repetitively inspecting the MGB particle detector and the MGB bottom housing (oil sump) for metal particles, analyzing any metal particles that are found, and replacement of the MGB if necessary, as specified in a European Aviation Safety Agency (now 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 June 24, 2021.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of a certain publication listed in this AD as of June 24, 2021.

ADDRESSES: For material incorporated by reference (IBR) in this AD, contact the EASA, Konrad-Adenauer-Ufer 3, 50668 Cologne, Germany; phone: +49 221 8999 000; email: ADs@ easa.europa.eu; internet: www.easa.europa.eu. You may find this material on the EASA website at https:// ad.easa.europa.eu. You may view this material at the FAA, Office of the Regional Counsel, Southwest Region, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Room 6N-321, Fort Worth, TX 76177. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 817-222-5110. It is also available in the AD docket on the internet at *https://www.regulations.gov* by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA-2021-0105.

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–2021– 0105; 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, 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mahmood G. Shah, Aviation Safety Engineer, Fort Worth ACO Branch, FAA, 10101 Hillwood Pkwy., Fort Worth, TX 76177; phone: 817–222– 5538; email: mahmood.g.shah@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The EASA, which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2018–0272, dated December 13, 2018 (EASA AD 2018–0272) (also referred to as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or the MCAI), to correct an unsafe condition for all Airbus Helicopters Model SA330J helicopters.

The FAA issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all Airbus Helicopters Model SA330J helicopters. The NPRM published in the Federal Register on March 2, 2021 (86 FR 12127). The NPRM was prompted by the failure of a second stage planet gear installed in the MGB. The NPRM proposed to require repetitively inspecting the MGB particle detector and the MGB bottom housing (oil sump) for metal particles, analyzing any metal particles that are found, and replacement of the MGB if necessary, as specified in an EASA AD.

The FAA is issuing this AD to address failure of an MGB second stage planet gear, which could result in failure of the MGB and subsequent loss of control of the helicopter. See the MCAI for additional background information.

Discussion of Final Airworthiness Directive

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 Service Information Under 1 CFR Part 51

EASA AD 2018–0272 specifies procedures for repetitively inspecting the MGB particle detector and the MGB bottom housing (oil sump) for metal particles, analyzing any metal particles that are found, and replacement of the MGB if necessary. 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.

Interim Action

The FAA considers this AD interim action. If final action is later identified, the FAA might consider further rulemaking then.