

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, Transport Aircraft Directorate. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle ACO.

(e) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(f) The wire systems test and wiring revision shall be done in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin 747-27A2346, Revision 1, dated May 19, 1994, and Boeing Service Bulletin 747-27A2346, Revision 2, dated January 12, 1995. The incorporation by reference is approved by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51. The incorporation by reference of Boeing Service Bulletin 747-27A2346, Revision 1, dated May 19, 1994, was approved previously by the Director of the Federal Register in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51 as of August 10, 1994 (59 FR 35240, July 11, 1994). Copies may be obtained from Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, P.O. Box 3707, Seattle, Washington 98124-2207. Copies may be inspected at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington; or at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC.

(g) This amendment becomes effective on July 31, 1995.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on June 9, 1995.

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14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 93-CE-59-AD; Amendment 39-9289; AD 95-13-09]

Airworthiness Directives; Grob Luft Und Raumfahrt Models G102 Astir CS, Club Astir IIb, Twin Astir, Speed Astir, Standard Astir II, and Speed Astir IIb Sailplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to certain Grob Luft Und Raumfahrt (Grob) Models G102 Astir CS, Club Astir IIb, Twin Astir, Speed

Astir, Standard Astir II, and Speed Astir IIb sailplanes. This action requires inspecting all elevator and rudder hinges for damage (delamination, cracks, corrosion, or buckling), and repairing any damaged parts. Several occurrences of inner elevator hinges separating during flight operation prompted this AD action. The actions specified by this AD are intended to prevent these hinges from separating, which could result in sailplane flutter and eventual loss of control of the sailplane.

DATES: Effective August 15, 1995.

The incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in the regulations is approved by the Director of the Federal Register as of August 15, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Service information that applies to this AD may be obtained from Grob luft und Raumfahrt, D-8939 Mattsies, Germany. This information may also be examined at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, 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: Mr. Herman Belderok, Project Officer, Sailplanes, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service, FAA, 1201 Walnut, suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone (816) 426-6932; facsimile (816) 426-2169.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A proposal to amend part 39 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 39) to include an AD that would apply to certain Grob Models G102 Astir CS, Club Astir IIb, Twin Astir, Speed Astir, Standard Astir II, and Speed Astir IIb sailplanes was published in the **Federal Register** on January 18, 1995 (60 FR 3588). The action proposed to require inspecting all elevator and rudder hinges for damage (delamination, cracks, corrosion, or buckling), and repairing any damaged parts. Accomplishment of the proposed actions would be in accordance with the *III. Procedure* section of Grob Repair Instruction No. 306-27/1 to Service Bulletin TM 306-27/1, dated June 4, 1991.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this amendment. No comments were received on the proposed rule or the FAA's determination of the cost to the public.

After careful review of all available information related to the subject presented above, the FAA has determined that air safety and the

public interest require the adoption of the rule as proposed except for minor editorial corrections. The FAA has determined that these minor corrections will not change the meaning of the AD and will not add any additional burden upon the public than was already proposed.

The FAA estimates that 146 sailplanes in the U.S. registry will be affected by this AD, that it will take approximately 1 workhour per sailplane to accomplish the required action, and that the average labor rate is approximately \$60 an hour. Based on these figures, the total cost impact of the AD on U.S. operators is estimated to be \$8,760. This figure takes into account that no affected sailplane owner/operator has accomplished the required inspection.

The regulations adopted herein will not have substantial direct effects 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, in accordance with Executive Order 12612, it is determined that this final rule does not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

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 copy of the final evaluation prepared for this action is contained in the Rules Docket. A copy of it may be obtained by contacting 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: