

of the main landing gear (MLG) to determine the part number, per the Accomplishment Instructions of BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin ISB.32-166, dated May 28, 2001. Although this service bulletin specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include such a requirement.

**Note 1:** BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin, ISB.32-166, dated May 28, 2001, references Messier-Dowty Service Bulletin 146-32-153, dated May 29, 2001, as an additional source of service information for accomplishment of the inspection and replacement required by this AD. Although the Messier-Dowty service bulletin specifies to submit certain information to the manufacturer, this AD does not include such a requirement.

#### Replacement at New Reduced Safe Life

(b) Replace any side stay which, during the inspection required by paragraph (a) of this AD, is found to have part number 200884319, 200884320, 200884331, 200884332, 200884342, or 200884343. Replace the side stay with a new side stay having the same part number, at the applicable compliance time specified in paragraph 1.D. "Compliance" of BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Service Bulletin ISB.32-166, dated May 28, 2001, as measured from the effective date of this AD.

#### Safe Remaining Life

(c) If any side stay having part number 200884319, 200884320, 200884331, 200884332, 200884342, or 200884343 has been used at different operating weights, and the service bulletin recommends contacting Messier-Dowty for appropriate action based on the safe remaining life of the side stay; contact the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate; or the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), which is the airworthiness authority for the United Kingdom, (or its delegated agent); for appropriate action.

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance

(d) In accordance with 14 CFR 39.19, the Manager, International Branch, ANM-116, Transport Airplane Directorate, FAA, is authorized to approve alternative methods of compliance for this AD.

**Note 2:** The subject of this AD is addressed in British airworthiness directive 005-05-2001.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on November 28, 2003.

**Kevin Mullin,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 2003-CE-45-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

#### Airworthiness Directives; Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. Models PC-7, PC-12, and PC-12/45 Airplanes

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to supersede Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2002-01-09, which applies to all Pilatus Aircraft Ltd. (Pilatus) Models PC-7, PC-12, and PC-12/45 airplanes that incorporate a certain engine-driven pump. AD 2002-01-09 currently requires you to inspect the joints between the engine-driven pump housing, the relief valve housing, and the relief valve cover for signs of fuel leakage and extruding gasket material; replace any engine-driven pump with any of the above problems; and ensure that the relief valve attachment screws are adequately torqued and re-torque as necessary. This proposed AD is the result of mandatory continuing airworthiness information (MCAI) issued by the airworthiness authority for Switzerland. This proposed AD would retain the actions from AD 2002-01-09, would add certain engine-driven pumps to the applicability, and would require eventual replacement of the pump with an improved design pump to assure that the unsafe condition does not recur. We are issuing this proposed AD to detect and correct gasket material extruding from the engine-driven pump housing and detect and correct relief valve attachment screws with inadequate torque. These conditions could lead to fuel leakage and result in a fire in the engine compartment.

**DATES:** We must receive any comments on this proposed AD by January 6, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Use one of the following to submit comments on this proposed AD:

- *By mail:* FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-CE-45-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.
- *By fax:* (816) 329-3771.
- *By e-mail:* 9-ACE-7-Docket@faa.gov.

Comments sent electronically must contain "Docket No. 2003-CE-45-AD" in the subject line. If you send comments electronically as attached electronic files, the files must be

formatted in Microsoft Word 97 for Windows or ASCII.

You may get the service information identified in this proposed AD from Pilatus Aircraft Ltd., Customer Liaison Manager, CH-6371 Stans, Switzerland; telephone: +41 41 619 63 19; facsimile: +41 41 619 6224; or from Pilatus Business Aircraft Ltd., Product Support Department, 11755 Airport Way, Broomfield, Colorado 80021; telephone: (303) 465-9099; facsimile: (303) 465-6040.

You may view the AD docket at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2003-CE-45-AD, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doug Rudolph, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4059; facsimile: (816) 329-4090.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Comments Invited

*How Do I Comment on This Proposed AD?*

We invite you to submit any written relevant data, views, or arguments regarding this proposal. Send your comments to an address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include "AD Docket No. 2003-CE-45-AD" in the subject line of your comments. If you want us to acknowledge receipt of your mailed comments, send us a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the docket number written on it. We will date-stamp your postcard and mail it back to you.

*Are There Any Specific Portions of This Proposed AD I Should Pay Attention to?*

We specifically invite comments on the overall regulatory, economic, environmental, and energy aspects of this proposed AD. If you contact us through a nonwritten communication and that contact relates to a substantive part of this proposed AD, we will summarize the contact and place the summary in the docket. We will consider all comments received by the closing date and may amend this proposed AD in light of those comments and contacts.

##### Discussion

*Has FAA Taken Any Action to This Point?*

Reports of fuel leaking from certain engine-driven pumps on Pilatus Models PC-7, PC-12, and PC-12/45 airplanes caused FAA to issue AD 2002-01-09,

Amendment 39–12600 (67 FR 2323, January 17, 2002). AD 2002–01–09 currently requires the following on all Pilatus Models PC–7, PC–12, and PC–12/45 airplanes:

- Inspecting the joints between the engine-driven pump housing, the relief valve housing, and the relief valve cover for signs of fuel leakage and extruding gasket material;
- Replacing any engine-driven pump with signs of fuel leakage or extruding gasket material; and
- Ensuring that the relief valve attachment screws are adequately torqued and re-torquing as necessary.

*What Has Happened Since AD 2002–01–09 To Initiate This Proposed Action?*

The Federal Office for Civil Aviation (FOCA), which is the airworthiness authority for Switzerland, recently notified FAA of the need to change AD 2002–01–09. The CAA reports that problems are occurring on other engine-driven pumps that could be installed on the affected airplanes, and that the affected airplanes should have a certain engine-driven pump installed to ensure this unsafe condition does not reoccur.

*What Are the Consequences if the Condition Is Not Corrected?*

Gasket material extruding from the engine-driven pump housing and relief valve attachment screws with inadequate torque, if not detected and corrected, could lead to fuel leakage and result in a fire in the engine compartment.

*Is There Service Information That Applies to This Subject?*

Pilatus has issued the following service information:

- Pilatus PC–7 Service Bulletin No. 28–007, Revision No. 1, dated October 1, 2002, which includes procedures for changing the diaphragm and valve housing assembly of the engine-driven pump, Lear Romec part number (P/N) RG9570M1 (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.105) or Lear Romec P/N RG9570M (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.103). This service bulletin also specifies incorporating Crane Lear Romec Service Bulletin SB9570–73–002 or Crane Lear Romec Service Bulletin RG9570–73–006;
- Pilatus PC–12 Service Bulletin No. 28–010, dated September 16, 2002, which includes procedures for

changing the diaphragm and valve housing assembly of the engine-driven pump, Lear Romec P/N RG9570R1 (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.106). This service bulletin also specifies incorporating Crane Lear Romec Service Bulletin SB9570–73–002; and

—Pilatus PC–7 Service Bulletin No. 28–008, Revision 1, dated September 24, 2002, which specifies procedures for inspecting the engine-driven pump, Lear Romec P/N RG9570M (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.103) for signs of fuel leakage or extruding gasket material and correcting relief valve torque on the screws.

*Does the Service Information From AD 2002–01–09 Still Apply?*

Yes. Pilatus PC–7 Service Bulletin No. 28–006 and Pilatus PC–12 Service Bulletin No. 28–009, both dated August 10, 2001, are still valid and provide information on the inspection and replacement of the engine-driven pumps, Romec P/N RG9570M1 (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.105) and Lear Romec P/N RG9570R1 (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.106).

*What Action Did the FOCA Take?*

The FOCA classified these service bulletins as mandatory and issued FOCA AD HB 2003–392, dated September 15, 2003; and FOCA AD HB 2003–251, dated June 16, 2003, to ensure the continued airworthiness of these airplanes in Switzerland.

*Did the FOCA Inform the United States Per the Bilateral Airworthiness Agreement?*

These Pilatus Models PC–7, PC–12, and PC–12/45 airplanes are manufactured in Switzerland and are type-certificated for operation in the United States under the provisions of section 21.29 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.29) and the applicable bilateral airworthiness agreement.

Under this bilateral airworthiness agreement, the FOCA has kept us informed of the situation described above.

**FAA's Determination and Requirements of This Proposed AD**

*What Has FAA decided?*

We have examined the FOCA's findings, reviewed all available

information, and determined that AD action is necessary for products of this type design that are certificated for operation in the United States.

Since the unsafe condition described previously is likely to exist or develop on other Pilatus Models PC–7, PC–12, and PC–12/45 airplanes of the same type design that are registered in the United States, we are proposing AD action to detect and correct gasket material extruding from the engine-driven pump housing and detect and correct relief valve attachment screws with inadequate torque. These conditions could lead to fuel leakage and result in a fire in the engine compartment.

*What Would This Proposed AD Require?*

This proposed AD would supersede

AD 2002–01–09 with a new AD that would:

- Retain the actions from AD 2002–01–09;
- Add certain engine-driven pumps to the applicability; and
- Require eventual replacement of the pump with an improved design pump to assure that the unsafe condition does not reoccur.

*How Does the Revision to 14 CFR Part 39 Affect This Proposed AD?*

On July 10, 2002, we published a new version of 14 CFR part 39 (67 FR 47997, July 22, 2002), which governs FAA's AD system. This regulation now includes material that relates to altered products, special flight permits, and alternative methods of compliance. This material previously was included in each individual AD. Since this material is included in 14 CFR part 39, we will not include it in future AD actions.

**Costs of Compliance**

*How Many Airplanes Would This Proposed AD Impact?*

We estimate that this proposed AD affects 278 airplanes in the U.S. registry.

*What Would Be the Cost Impact of This Proposed AD on Owners/Operators of the Affected Airplanes?*

We estimate the following costs to accomplish the proposed inspections and re-torque:

Labor cost	Parts cost	Total cost per airplane	Total cost on U.S. operators
2 workhours × \$65 per hour = \$130 .....	Not Applicable .....	\$130	\$130 × 278 = \$36,140.

We estimate the following costs to accomplish any necessary replacements that would be required based on the

results of the inspection. We have no way of determining the number of

airplanes that may need such replacement:

Labor cost	Parts cost	Total cost per airplane
1 workhour × \$65 per hour = \$65 .....	\$3,900 per new pump .....	\$3,965 per airplane.

*What Is the Difference Between the Cost Impact of This Proposed AD and the Cost Impact of AD 2002-01-09?*

The only difference between this proposed AD and AD 2002-01-09 is the addition of affected engine-driven pumps. The number of airplanes that could have an affected pump installed and the costs associated with inspection and replacement are the same.

**Compliance Time of This Proposed AD**

*What Would Be the Compliance Time of the Proposed Inspection?*

The compliance time of the inspections that would be required by this proposed AD is “within 20 hours time-in-service (TIS) after the effective date of this AD or within the next 30 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first.”

Why Is the Compliance Time of the Proposed Inspection Presented in Both Hours TIS and Calendar Time?

The deterioration and potential extrusion of the gasket occurs over time and is not a condition of repetitive airplane operation. However, the relief valve attachment screws becoming inadequately torqued occurs as a result of airplane operation if the compression set of the gasket and diaphragm after thermal cycling causes the gasket of the engine-driven pump to extrude between the relief valve housing and the engine-driven pump housing.

Therefore, to ensure that the unsafe condition defined in this document is detected and corrected in a timely

manner, we are stating the compliance in both calendar time and hours TIS.

**Regulatory Findings**

*Would This Proposed AD Impact Various Entities?*

We have determined that this proposed AD would not have federalism implications under Executive Order 13132. This proposed AD would 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.

*Would This Proposed AD Involve a Significant Rule or Regulatory Action?*

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

1. Is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866;
2. Is not a “significant rule” under the 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.

We prepared a summary of the costs to comply with this proposed AD and placed it in the AD Docket. You may get a copy of this summary by sending a request to us at the address listed under **ADDRESSES**. Include “AD Docket No.2003-CE-45-AD” in your request.

**List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 39**

Air transportation, Aircraft, Aviation safety, Safety.

**The Proposed Amendment**

Accordingly, under the authority delegated to me by the Administrator, the Federal Aviation Administration proposes to amend 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) 2002-01-09, Amendment 39-12600 (67 FR 2323, January 17, 2002), and by adding a new AD to read as follows:

**Pilatus Aircraft Ltd.:** Docket No. 2003-CE-45-AD.

**When Is the Last Date I Can Submit Comments on This Proposed AD?**

(a) We must receive comments on this proposed airworthiness directive (AD) by January 6, 2004.

**What Other ADs Are Affected By This Action?**

(b) This AD supersedes AD 2002-01-09, Amendment 39-12600.

**What Airplanes Are Affected by This AD?**

(c) This AD affects the following airplane models and serial numbers that are certificated in any category:

Model	Serial Nos.
(1) PC-7 .....	All manufacturer serial numbers (MSN) equipped with either a Lear Romec part number (P/N) RG9570M (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.103) engine-driven pump or a Lear Romec P/N RG9570M1 (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.105) engine-driven pump.
(2) PC-12 and PC-12/45 .....	All MSN equipped with a Lear Romec P/N RG9570R1 (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.106) engine-driven pump.

**Note:** Pilatus installed these engine-driven pumps on MSN 101 through MSN 406 and MSN 408 through 419 of the Models PC-12 and PC-12/45 airplanes and MSN 101 through MSN 618 of the Model PC-7 airplanes. These engine-driven pumps could be installed through field approval on any MSN of the Models PC-7, PC-12, and PC-12/45 airplanes.

**What Is the Unsafe Condition Presented in This AD?**

(d) The actions specified in this AD are intended to detect and correct gasket material extruding from the engine-driven pump housing and detect and correct relief valve attachment screws with inadequate torque. These conditions could lead to fuel leakage and result in a fire in the engine compartment.

**What Must I Do To Address This Problem?**

(e) To address this problem, you must do the following:

(1) *Inspection:* Inspect the joints between the engine-driven pump housing, the relief valve housing, and the relief valve cover for signs of fuel leakage and extruding gasket material as follows:

Engine-driven pump P/N	Compliance	Procedures
(i) Lear Romec P/N RG9570M1 (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.105) or Lear Romec P/N RG9570R1 (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.106).	Within the next 20 hours time-in-service (TIS) after February 28, 2002 (the effective date of AD 2002-01-09) or within the next 30 days after February 28, 2002 (the effective date of AD 2002-01-09), whichever occurs first, unless already done.	Follow Pilatus PC-7 Service Bulletin No. 28-006 or Pilatus PC-12 Service Bulletin No. 28-009, both dated August 10, 2001, as applicable.
(ii) Lear Romec P/N RG9570M (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.103).	Within 20 hours TIS after the effective date of this AD or within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first, unless already done.	Follow Pilatus PC-7 Service Bulletin No. 28-008, Revision 1, dated September 24, 2003.

(2) *Replacement/Modification*: Replace the engine-driven pump with one of the following prior to further flight after the inspection in paragraph (e)(1) of this AD if

you find signs of fuel leakage or extruding gasket material or within 6 months after the effective date of this AD if you do not find signs of fuel leakage or extruding gasket

material, whichever occurs first, unless already done:

Models	Pump replacement P/N	Procedures
(i) PC-7 .....	Lear Romec P/N RG9570M1/M (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.107).	Pilatus PC-7 Service Bulletin No. 28-007, Revision No. 1, dated October 1, 2002.
(ii) PC-12 and PC-12/45 .....	Lear Romec P/N RG9570R1/M (Pilatus P/N 968.84.51.108).	Pilatus PC-12 Service Bulletin No. 28-010, dated September 16, 2002.

(3) *Relief Valve Attachment Screw Torque*: Prior to further flight after the inspection (if you find no fuel leakage or extruding gasket material) and replacement required by this AD, ensure that the relief valve attachment screws are adequately torqued and re-torque as necessary using the following:

(i) *For Pilatus Model PC-7 Airplanes*: Pilatus PC-7 Service Bulletin No. 28-006, dated August 10, 2001, or Pilatus PC-7 Service Bulletin No. 28-008, Revision 1, dated September 24, 2002.

(ii) *For Pilatus Models PC-12 and PC-12/45 Airplanes*: Pilatus PC-12 Service Bulletin No. 28-009, both dated August 10, 2001.

(4) *Spares*: As of the effective date of this AD, only install an engine-driven pump that is of a part number referenced in paragraphs (e)(2)(i) and (e)(2)(ii) of this AD. Prior to further flight after installation, do the relief valve attachment screw torque check as required by paragraph (e)(3) of this AD.

(5) *Unless Already Done Credit*: This AD retains actions from AD 2002-01-09.

(i) You may take inspection credit if you have one of the engine-driven pumps installed affected by AD 2002-01-09 and the specific actions are already done.

(ii) The actions of this AD do not apply if you have one of the engine-driven pumps installed that is referenced in paragraphs (e)(2)(i) and (e)(2)(ii) of this AD.

#### May I Request an Alternative Method of Compliance?

(f) You may request a different method of compliance or a different compliance time for this AD by following the procedures in 14 CFR 39.13. Send your request to the Manager, Standards Office, Small Airplane Directorate, FAA. For information on any already approved alternative methods of compliance, contact Doug Rudolph, Aerospace Engineer, FAA, Small Airplane Directorate, 901 Locust, Room 301, Kansas City, Missouri 64106; telephone: (816) 329-4059; facsimile: (816) 329-4090.

#### May I Get Copies of the Documents Referenced in This AD?

(g) You may get copies of the documents referenced in this AD from Pilatus Aircraft Ltd., Customer Liaison Manager, CH-6371 Stans, Switzerland; telephone: +41 41 619 63 19; facsimile: +41 41 619 6224; or from Pilatus Business Aircraft Ltd., Product Support Department, 11755 Airport Way, Broomfield, Colorado 80021; telephone: (303) 465-9099; facsimile: (303) 465-6040. You may view these documents at FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, 901 Locust, Room 506, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

#### Is There Other Information That Relates to This Subject?

(h) FOCA (Switzerland) AD HB 2003-392, dated September 15, 2003; and FOCA (Switzerland) AD HB 2003-251, dated June 16, 2003, also address the subject of this AD.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 26, 2003.

**Michael Gallagher,**

*Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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#### NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION AND PRIVACY COMPACT COUNCIL

#### 28 CFR Part 901

#### [NCPPC 105]

#### Proposed Amendments to the Fingerprint Submission Requirements Rule

**AGENCY:** National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact Council.

**ACTION:** Proposed amendments to the rule, request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Compact Council, established pursuant to the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact (Compact), is amending its Fingerprint Submission Requirements Rule which interprets the Compact's fingerprint-submission requirements as they relate to the use of the Interstate Identification Index (III) System for noncriminal justice record checks during an emergency situation when the health and safety of a specified group may be endangered. In addition, pursuant to the rule, the Compact Council approved an amended proposal from a State requesting the delayed submission of fingerprints when conducting criminal history records checks in connection with the temporary placement of children with temporary custodians during exigent circumstances.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before January 5, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send all written comments concerning the proposed amendments to the Compact Council Office, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Module C3, Clarksburg, WV 26306; Attention: Todd C. Commodore. Comments may also be submitted by fax at (304) 625-5388 or by electronic mail at [tcommodo@leo.gov](mailto:tcommodo@leo.gov). To ensure proper handling, please reference "Amended Fingerprint Submission Requirements" on your correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lt. Col. Jeffrey D. Harmon, Compact Council Chairman, Maine State Police, 36 Hospital Street, Augusta, Maine