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LETOUN - VÝŠKOVÉ KORMIDLO - ŘÍDÍCÍ PLOŠKY - KONTROLA

Týká se: letadel 737-600, -700, -700C a -800, jak je uvedeno v Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-55A1064, Revision 1, vydaném 07. prosince 2000; certifikovaných v kterékoliv kategorii.

Datum účinnosti: 17. května 2001

Provést v termínech: Jak je popsáno v FAA AD 2001-06-15, od data účinnosti tohoto PZZ.

Postup provedení prací: Dle FAA AD 2001-06-15 (příloha tohoto PZZ).

Poznámky: Provedení tohoto PZZ musí být zapsáno do letadlové knihy. Případné dotazy týkající se tohoto PZZ adresujte na ÚCL technický inspektorát - Ing. Toman. Pokud to vyžaduje povaha tohoto PZZ, musí být zapracován do příslušné části dokumentace pro obsluhu, údržbu a opravy letadla. Tento PZZ byl vypracován na základě FAA AD 2001-06-15.

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2001-06-15 BOEING: Amendment 39-12162. Docket 99-NM-312-AD.

Applicability: Model 737-600, -700, -700C, and -800 series airplanes, as listed in Boeing Alert Service Bulletin 737-55A1064, Revision 1, dated December 7, 2000; certificated in any category.

Note 1: This AD applies to each airplane identified in the preceding applicability provision, regardless of whether it has been modified, altered, or repaired in the area subject to the requirements of this AD. For airplanes that have been modified, altered, or repaired so that the performance of the requirements of this AD is affected, the owner/operator must request approval for an alternative method of compliance in accordance with paragraph (d) of this AD. The request should include an assessment of the effect of the modification, alteration, or repair on the unsafe condition addressed by this AD; and, if the unsafe condition has not been eliminated, the request should include specific proposed actions to address it.

Compliance: Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously.

To prevent jamming, restricting, or binding of the elevator control surfaces due to loose or missing fasteners; which could make the movement of the elevator difficult and decrease aerodynamic control of the airplane; accomplish the following:

Inspections of Fasteners, and Corrective Action, If Necessary

(a) Within 250 flight hours or 30 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs first, perform a detailed visual inspection of the fasteners in the elevator balance panel to detect inadequate grip length, gaps between the bolt head, washer, and structure, and missing fasteners, in accordance with paragraph 3.A. of the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Service Bulletin 737-55A1064, Revision 1, dated December 7, 2000.

Note 2: Accomplishment of the actions specified in Boeing Service Bulletin 737-55A1064, dated October 15, 1998, prior to the effective date of this AD is acceptable for compliance with the applicable actions required by this AD.

Note 3: For the purposes of this AD, a detailed visual inspection is defined as: "An intensive visual examination of a specific structural area, system, installation, or assembly to detect damage, failure, or irregularity. Available lighting is normally supplemented with a direct source of good lighting at intensity deemed appropriate by the inspector. Inspection aids such as mirror, magnifying lenses, etc., may be used. Surface cleaning and elaborate access procedures may be required."

- (1) If adequate grip length is detected, if no gap is detected, and if no fastener is missing, repeat the inspection thereafter at intervals not to exceed 250 flight cycles until the requirements of paragraph (b) of this AD have been accomplished; or prior to further flight, accomplish the actions specified in paragraph (b) of this AD.
- (2) If inadequate grip length is detected, if any gap is detected, or if any fastener is missing, prior to further flight, accomplish the actions specified in paragraph (b) of this AD.

Inspection and Corrective Actions, If Necessary

- (b) Except as provided by paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this AD, within 3,000 flight cycles or 18 months after the first inspection in accordance with paragraph (a) of this AD, whichever occurs first: Perform a detailed visual inspection to detect missing fasteners at the locations specified in Figure 2 of Boeing Service Bulletin 737-55A1064, Revision 1, dated December 7, 2000, to detect inadequate grip length, and to determine the locking torque of the nut plates specified in Figure 2 of the service bulletin. These actions shall be done in accordance with paragraph 3.B. ("Fastener Inspection and Replacement") of the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Service Bulletin 737-55A1064, Revision 1.

 Accomplishment of the inspection constitutes terminating action for the repetitive inspection requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of this AD.
- (1) If no loose (i.e., minimum locking torque of nut plate not achieved) fastener is detected, if no fastener is missing, and if adequate grip length is found, no further action is required by this paragraph.
- (2) If any fastener with an inadequate grip length is found, prior to further flight, replace the fastener with a new fastener in accordance with the service bulletin; and perform a detailed visual inspection of adjacent elevator and horizontal stabilizer structure to detect damage. If any damage is found on adjacent elevator or horizontal stabilizer structure, prior to further flight, repair or replace the damaged structure or component in accordance with the service bulletin.
- (3) If any nut plate is found to have inadequate locking torque, prior to further flight, install a new nut plate.
- (4) If any fastener is missing, prior to further flight, install a new fastener in accordance with the service bulletin; and perform a detailed visual inspection of adjacent elevator and horizontal stabilizer structure to detect damage. If any damage is found on adjacent elevator or horizontal stabilizer structure, prior to further flight, repair or replace the damaged structure or component in accordance with the service bulletin.
- (5) Where the service bulletin specifies to contact Boeing for repair procedures or does not specify repair procedures, before further flight, repair in accordance with a method approved by the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA; or in accordance with data meeting the type certification basis of the airplane approved by a Boeing Company Designated Engineering Representative who has been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO, to make such findings. For a repair method to be approved by the Manager, Seattle ACO, as required by this paragraph, the Manager's approval letter must specifically reference this AD.

Reporting Requirement

(c) Within 10 days after accomplishing any inspection required by paragraphs (a) and (b)—not including paragraph (b)(2)—of this AD, submit a report of the inspection results (positive findings only) to the Manager, Seattle Manufacturing Inspection District Office, ANM-108S, 2500 East Valley Road, Suite C-2, Renton, WA 98055-4056; fax (425) 227-1159. Information collection requirements contained in this regulation have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) and have been assigned OMB Control Number 2120-0056.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(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 ACO. 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 4: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(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.

Incorporation by Reference

(f) Except as provided by paragraph (b)(5) of this AD, the actions shall be done in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin 737-55A1064, Revision 1, dated December 7, 2000. 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 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.

Effective Date

(g) This amendment becomes effective on May 7, 2001.

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