

A review of FAA Airworthiness Directive AD 2004-13-03 has identified inconsistencies when compared to the originating Alert Service Bulletin issued by Rolls-Royce (number 72-A184).

In section (g) (4) - New reduced life limit, the AD directs the replacement of blades within 200 hours or 6 months if the lives are between 4600 and 5800 hours. This is not consistent with the Rolls-Royce Alert Service Bulletin where the 200 hour and 6 month limits are only applicable to blades which exceed 5800 hours. We recommend this section is rewritten making it clear that points (ii) and (iii) are only applicable to blades with a life of 5800 hours or more.

In section (h) - New reduced life limit, the AD directs the replacement of blades with lives less than 4600 hours within 3 years after the effective date of the AD. This is not consistent with section 1.D(5) within the Rolls-Royce Alert Service Bulletin, and will result in blades with being replaced prematurely with life still left. We suggest you replace this section with the words given in section 1.D(5) within the Rolls-Royce Alert Service Bulletin.