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[Docket No. 2004-NM-40-AD]

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Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-700 and -800 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the adoption of a new airworthiness directive (AD) that is applicable to certain Boeing Model 737-700 and -800 series airplanes. This proposal would require doing an initial inspection of the lower skin panel at the lap joint for pitting and cracks, trimming the inner skin; installing exterior doublers, replacing the fuselage skin assembly, doing repetitive supplemental inspections, and repair if necessary as applicable. This action is necessary to detect and correct premature fatigue cracking at certain lap splice locations and consequent rapid decompression of the airplane. This action is intended to address the identified unsafe condition.

DATES: Comments must be received by [insert date 45 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**].

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 2004-NM-40-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056.

Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments may be submitted via fax to (425) 227-1232. Comments may also be sent via the Internet using the following address:

9-anm-nprmcomment@faa.gov. Comments sent via fax or the Internet must contain

“Docket No. 2004-NM-40-AD” in the subject line and need not be submitted in triplicate.

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