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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Federal Aviation Administration

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Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 767-200 and -300 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to supersede an existing airworthiness directive (AD) that applies to certain Boeing Model 767 series airplanes. The existing AD currently requires repetitive detailed and eddy current inspections of the aft pressure bulkhead for damage and cracking, and repair if necessary. This proposed AD would add a one-time detailed and high frequency eddy current inspections of any oil-can located on the aft pressure bulkhead, and related corrective actions if necessary. This proposed AD is prompted by reports of cracking at oil-can boundaries on the aft pressure bulkhead. We are proposing this AD to detect and correct fatigue cracking of the aft pressure bulkhead, which could result in rapid depressurization of the airplane and possible damage or interference with the airplane control systems that penetrate the bulkhead, and consequent loss of controllability of the airplane.

DATES: We must receive comments on this proposed AD by [insert date 45 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

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

- DOT Docket web site: Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

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