

Proposal for Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information (MCAI) ADs

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Proposal for MCAI ADs

Current Practice:

FAA incorporates by reference (IBR) all service information required for compliance with an AD.

- Multiple documents are often IBRed.
- IBR requirements have become more complex.

Proposed Change:

IBR the MCAI AD instead of service information (e.g., do AD actions “in accordance with the MCAI”).

- Single document would be IBRed (MCAI AD).
- IBR requirements would be minimized.



Proposal for MCAI ADs (cont.)

Benefits:

- Simplifies U.S. AD.
- Improves our AD processing times.
- Streamlines requirements from the Office of the Federal Register for IBR.
- Minimizes AMOCS - Allows compliance with “later-approved service bulletins.”



Proposal for MCAI ADs (cont.)

- Requires permission from OEMs to continue to post service information for ADs.
 - Already posting service information required for AD compliance upon final rule publication; therefore, there would be no change to the current practice.
 - No plans to post service information at the NPRM stage.

Next Steps:

- Request permission to continue to post service information.
- Complete internal coordination of proposal.
- Initiate “test-cases” with Airbus ADs.

