



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Aviation  
Administration**

# Advisory Circular

**Subject:** ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY -  
SUMMARY OF AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES

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**Initiated by:** AFS-610

**AC No.** 39-6S  
**Change**

**1. PURPOSE.** This advisory circular (AC) provides information concerning how to obtain the latest edition of the subject publication.

**2. CANCELLATION.** AC 39-6R, dated May 15, 1996, is canceled.

**3. BACKGROUND.** An airworthiness directive (AD) contains information regarding an unsafe condition which exists in an aircraft, aircraft engine, propeller, or appliance when that condition is likely to exist or develop in other products of the same type design. No person may operate a product to which an AD applies, except in accordance with the requirements of the AD. All AD's are summarized and published in paper copy, microfiche, and electronic format.

**4. CHANGES.** The following changes have been made to the 1998 Summary of AD's.

**a. Book 3 has been revised** to contain the AD's published from 1990 through 1997. All revised AD's have been replaced, and all superseded AD's have been removed. Any AD's which revise earlier AD's will be found at the beginning of the manufacturer affected by the AD.

**b. The older AD's** are available for purchase in electronic format on a CD-ROM. The new AD's (beginning with January 1998) are available free on an electronic bulletin board called FedWorld. The FedWorld area includes the latest biweekly index along with the preamble of each new AD (see appendix 4).

## **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPER COPY.**

**a. The AD summaries** are published in six books. The Small Aircraft and Rotorcraft books relate to aircraft of 12,500 pounds or less maximum certificated takeoff weight and all rotorcraft regardless of weight. The Large Aircraft books relate to aircraft of more than 12,500 pounds maximum certificated takeoff weight except for rotorcraft.

**b. The AD's applicable to engines and propellers** are contained in the respective small or large books. Appliance AD's are duplicated in the small and large books.

**c. Book 1 contains AD's issued prior to 1980** which are still in effect. If an AD from Book 1 is amended, it will appear in Book 3.

**d. Books 2 and 3 for small aircraft and rotorcraft are divided into five major subjects:**

- (1) aircraft;
- (2) rotorcraft, gliders, balloons, and airships;
- (3) engines;
- (4) propellers; and
- (5) appliances.

**e. Books 2 and 3 for large aircraft are divided into four major subjects:**

- (1) aircraft,
- (2) engines,
- (3) propellers, and
- (4) appliances.

**f. Each of the six books may be purchased separately. The subscription to the biweekly supplements may be purchased separately. The titles and contents are:**

(1) Small Aircraft and Rotorcraft - Book 1, Summary of Airworthiness Directives, dated January 1990. This book was not revised. This book contains all AD's currently in effect but issued during the time period 1940 through 1979.

(2) Small Aircraft and Rotorcraft - Book 2, Summary of Airworthiness Directives, dated January 1996. This book was not revised. This book contains all AD's currently in effect but issued during the time period 1980 through 1989.

(3) Small Aircraft and Rotorcraft - Book 3, Summary of Airworthiness Directives, dated January 1998. This book contains all AD's currently in effect but issued during the time period 1990 through 1997.

(4) Biweekly Supplements, Small Aircraft and Rotorcraft, Summary of Airworthiness Directives. This package will contain all biweekly supplements for small aircraft and rotorcraft from January 1998 through December 1999. An index is included which correlates to Book 1 dated January 1990, Book 2 dated January 1996, and Book 3 dated January 1998. The index will be updated two times during the subscription period. The index reflects revised and superseded AD's.

(5) Large Aircraft - Book 1, Summary of Airworthiness Directives, dated January 1990. This book was not revised. This book contains all AD's currently in effect but issued during the time period 1940 through 1979.

(6) Large Aircraft - Book 2, Summary of Airworthiness Directives, dated January 1996. This book was not revised. This book contains all AD's currently in effect but issued during the time period 1980 through 1989.

(7) Large Aircraft - Book 3, Summary of Airworthiness Directives, dated January 1998. This book contains all AD's currently in effect but issued during the time period 1990 through 1997.

(8) Biweekly Supplements, Large Aircraft, Summary of Airworthiness Directives. This package will contain all biweekly supplements for large aircraft from January 1998 through December 1999. An index is included which correlates to Book 1 dated January 1990, Book 2 dated January 1996, and Book 3 dated January 1998. The index will be updated two times during the subscription period. The index reflects revised and superseded AD's.

(9) Biweekly Supplements, Electronic Format. See paragraph 7.

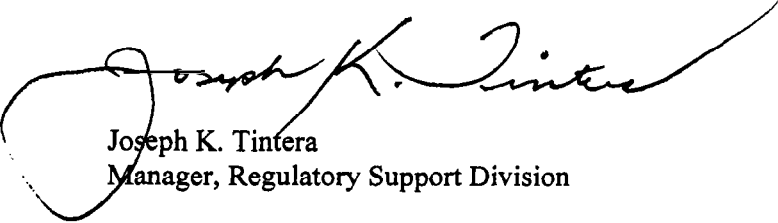
g. New subscribers for the paper copy edition should be aware that full AD coverage can only be obtained by utilizing Books 1, 2, and 3, as well as, the Biweekly Supplements.

**6. DESCRIPTION OF MICROFICHE EDITION.** The microfiche edition is a microfiche record of the paper edition. Purchase of the microfiche edition includes all AD's through 1997 as well as biweekly supplements for a 2-year period, beginning with Supplement 98-01. Biweekly supplements are prepared as separate addendum to the basic file. A guide is provided to assist users in locating AD's. Document images appear in rows from left-to-right and top-to-bottom, 98-frame microfiche, 4 x 6 inches.

**7. DESCRIPTION OF ELECTRONIC COPY.** The older AD's (1940's through 1997) are available for purchase in electronic format on a CD-ROM from the National Technical Information Service (U.S. Department of Commerce). The files are in Adobe Acrobat format and include all drawings and figures; and limited indexing and linking are provided. The purchase price is for one CD-ROM. The biweekly supplements are available free on FedWorld. The FedWorld area includes the newest AD's with the preamble and the latest biweekly index (see appendix 4).

**8. PRICING INFORMATION.** The prices of all U.S. Government paper and microfiche publications are controlled and established by the Superintendent of Documents in accordance with Title 44 of the United States Code. The electronic information price is controlled and established by the National Technical Information Service (U.S. Department of Commerce).

**9. HOW TO ORDER.** Ordering instructions are included as appendices 1 through 4. An order form for single sale purchase of the AD books for U.S. and international subscribers is included in appendix 2. An order form for subscription to paper and/or microfiche AD's for U.S. and international subscribers is included in appendix 3. An order form for electronic AD's on CD ROM is included in appendix 4.



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## PAPER AND MICROFICHE ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS

The Single Sale - Order Form should be used to order Summary of Airworthiness Directives Books 1, 2, and 3. The Subscription - Order Form should be used to order paper biweekly supplements and/or microfiche AD's. The order forms must be mailed to the address shown on the form. **Remittance** or credit card information **must accompany** each order. C.O.D. orders **will not** be accepted.

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Orders for the CD ROM of older AD's (1940's through 1997) should be made direct to the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce (see appendix 4).

**SINGLE SALE --- ORDER FORM  
AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVES**

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Government Printing Office  
P.O. Box 371954  
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<b>SMALL</b> Aircraft & Rotorcraft (Acft - 12,500 lbs or less and all rotorcraft)	Book 1 (1940's - 1979)	050-007-00866-0		\$40.00	\$50.00	
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SOUTH AMERICA	\$323.98
EUROPE	\$353.43
MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA	\$373.95
ASIA, THE PACIFIC & AUSTRALIA	\$384.60
CANADA	\$291.72
MEXICO	\$301.15

<b>LARGE AIRCRAFT</b>	
SOUTH AMERICA	\$367.37
EUROPE	\$397.52
MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA	\$419.20
ASIA, THE PACIFIC & AUSTRALIA	\$430.95
CANADA	\$329.93
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1. All AD's (Small and Large Aircraft) from the 1940's through December 1997. The files are in Adobe Acrobat format and include all drawings and figures. An Adobe Acrobat Reader package is included on the CD-ROM. The files are in easy-to-follow directories similar in format to the paper Summary of AD's. The January 1998 index (numeric and alphabetical) is included. The purchase price is for one CD-ROM. Updates are free on FedWorld.

2. The January 1998 Supplement Type Certificate Listing.

3. The January 1998 Type Certificate Data Sheets.

***How to Order:*** Order from: NTIS, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161; telephone 1-800-553-NTIS (6847) or (703) 605-6000; or FAX (703) 605-6900. Ask for stock number PB98502115.

The purchase price is for one CD-ROM. The price is \$125 for U.S. (plus Canada and Mexico) and \$250 for other international purchasers.

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All **new AD's** are available ***FREE*** on FedWorld.

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**Via Internet**

Telnet to fedworld.gov

<http://www.fedworld.gov/pub/faa-cai/faa-cai.htm>

World Wide Web - [www.fedworld.gov](http://www.fedworld.gov)

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703-321-3339

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FAA contact point: Adrienne Mauch, FAA, AFS-610, Oklahoma City, OK 73125-0460; (405) 954-4103; fax (405) 954-4104.

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