

Boeing 737 Series Aeroplanes

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

For the reasons set out in the background section, the CASA delegate whose signature appears below issues the following Airworthiness Directive (AD) under subregulation 39.1 (1) of CAR 1998. The AD requires that the action set out in the requirement section (being action that the delegate considers necessary to correct the unsafe condition) be taken in relation to the aircraft or aeronautical product mentioned in the applicability section: (a) in the circumstances mentioned in the requirement section; and (b) in accordance with the instructions set out in the requirement section; and (c) at the time mentioned in the compliance section.

AD/B737/147

Cabin Door Handle Mounting Hub

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Applicability: Model 737-200, -300, -400, and -500 series aircraft; as listed in Boeing Service Bulletin 737-25-1322 Revision 2.

Requirement: Replace existing door handle mounting hub assemblies in the forward and aft entry doors, forward galley door, and aft service door, with new improved hub assemblies in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin (SB) 737-25-1322 Revision 2, dated 19 February 1998.

Note 1: Replacements accomplished prior to the effective date of this Directive in accordance with SB 737-25-1322 or SB 737-25-1322 Revision 1, are acceptable for compliance with the Requirement of this Directive.

Note 2: FAA AD 2000-14-13 Amdt 39-11823 refers.

Compliance: Before 2 May 2002, unless already accomplished.

This Airworthiness Directive becomes effective on 2 November 2000.

Background: The FAA received reports of cracked or broken door handle mounting hub assemblies for the interior door handles on the cabin doors. A damaged mounting hub could result in the interior door handle breaking off while the door is being opened, and in an emergency situation, could impede evacuation of the aircraft.



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