

Boeing 747 Series Aeroplanes

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Door 5 Escape Slide/Raft

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Applicability: Model 747 series aircraft equipped with BFGoodrich Evacuation Slide/Rafts at door 5; having slide/raft assembly part number 7A1469-1, -2, -3, -4, -7, -8, -9, -10, -11, or -12 (all unit serial numbers).

Requirement: Modify the door 5 evacuation slide/rafts in accordance with BFGoodrich Service Bulletin 7A1469-25-283.

Note 1: Modification previous to the issue of this Directive in accordance with Boeing Service Bulletin 747-25A3096, which references BFGoodrich Service Bulletin 7A1469-25-283, is considered acceptable for compliance with the modification requirements of this Directive.

Note 2: FAA AD 96-15-08 Amdt 39-9698 refers.

Compliance: Before 3 September 1999.

Background: The FAA received reports that the door 5 evacuation slide/raft failed to deploy properly due to adverse loads caused by the geometry of this evacuation slide/raft. Failure to deploy properly could contribute to injury to passengers on the slide, and could delay or impede the evacuation of passengers during an emergency.