

NOTICE

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SUBJ: Procedures for Operators of DC-9/MD-80 and B717 Airplanes When
Wind/Ground Gusts Meet or Exceed Aircraft Maintenance Manual Criteria

- 1. Purpose of This Notice.** This notice provides guidance regarding ground wind speeds for aviation safety inspectors (ASI) who have oversight of Boeing DC-9/MD-80 series and B717 model airplanes.
- 2. Audience.** The primary audience for this notice is Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) responsible Flight Standards offices (including Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO) and certificate management offices (CMO)), principal inspectors (PI), and ASIs assigned to certificate holders (CH) who are authorized to conduct Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) parts 91, 91 subpart K (part 91K), 121, 125, 129, and/or 135 operations. The secondary audience includes the Safety Standards and Foundational Business offices.
- 3. Where You Can Find This Notice.** You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices and the Dynamic Regulatory System (DRS) at <https://drs.faa.gov>. Operators and the public can find this notice on the FAA's website at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices and DRS.
- 4. Background.** The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued Safety Recommendation A-19-005 on March 8, 2019, recommending that the FAA take action to "Ensure the operators of Boeing DC-9/MD-80 series and B717 model airplanes have procedures that define who is responsible for monitoring the wind that affects parked airplanes, and for notifying maintenance personnel when conditions could meet or exceed the ground gust criteria specified in the Aircraft Maintenance Manual."
- 5. Action.** PIs and ASIs responsible for oversight of Boeing DC-9/MD-80 series and B717 model airplanes should ensure operators have procedures in their maintenance program or Continuous Airworthiness Maintenance Programs (CAMP) that define who is responsible for monitoring the wind speeds that affect parked airplanes, and who is responsible for notifying maintenance personnel when conditions could meet or exceed the ground gust criteria specified in the Aircraft Maintenance Manual (AMM), as revised by Boeing.

6. Disposition. We will incorporate the information in this notice into FAA Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 32, Section 11 before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the Aircraft Maintenance Division, Commercial Aviation Group (AFS-330) at 202-267-1675 or via email at 9-AWA-AFS-300-Maintenance@faa.gov.

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