

## **DECISION № RRJ0000-OR-470-8879**

on one-time hinge fitting elevator inspection with respect to the lack of hub (bush) p/n T7.92.5101.107.000.73/A.

During the aircraft RRJ-95 operation the elevator play (backlash) nonconformity events due to floating bush p/n T7.92.5101.107.000.73/A missing at the mounting bracket were revealed and as a consequence the bolt T7.92.5101.101.000.73/B galling (please, refer to fig. 1).

The elevator backlash symptom effect was inability for the autopilot to maintain the prescribed altitude (within 30-50 ft range altitude).

The lack of the bush T7.92.5101.107.000.73/A the elevator actuator mounting bracket (1-C273, 2-C273, 3-C273, 4-C273) is caused by non-compliance with Design Documentation performed during the manufacturing process. To reveal if the floating bush T7.92.5101.107.000.73/A is not installed at the elevator actuator mounting bracket it is decided to take the following actions

## **ACTIONS:**

- 1. At their base airports all Operators' RRJ-95 fleet must be subjected to a onetime inspection of the elevator backlash in accordance with AMM 55-20-00-200-801 during the next maintenance check (WY-check) but no later than 03.08.2016.
- 2. If no out-of-design backlash result is found during the inspection in accordance with AMM 55-20-00-200-801, aircraft operation is allowed to be with no restrictions applied, provided that subsequently the elevator inspection is held in accordance with MPD and AMM.
- 3. If the elevator backlash is proved to be out-of-design limits as stated in the AMM 55-20-00-200-801, then the elevator actuator should be detached from the related brackets p/n T7.92.3220.131.001.73/D, T7.92.3220.131.002.73/D, T7.92.3220.129.001.73/C.T7.92.3220.129.002.73/C as required by the AMM 55-26-00-220-801 " Detailed hinge inspection of fittings and elevator actuator bracket". Close attention should be paid to detect if the bush p/n T7.92.5101.107.000.73/A is installed at the actuator bracket on the elevator.

- 3.1. If the lack of bush p/n T7.92.5101.107.000.73/A at the actuator mounting bracket is found, then the mount attachments inspections of, brackets should be held in order to reveal any damages, galling and make a NDT report containing the description (sizes, damages' nature, etc.) by performing the subsequent actions:
- 3.1.1. Detach elevator actuators.
- 3.1.2. Dismount bolts and washers.
- 3.1.3. Dismount the bush T7.92.3220.126.000.73/B.
- 3.1.4. Define deteriorations due to galling for each component:
- a) for bolt p/n T7.92.5101.101.000.73/B define diameter and severity of galling (its depth).
- b) for bush p/n T7.92.3220.126.000.73/B define internal and external diameter by two axes (at 90 degrees) to find the eccentricity.
- c) for opening the bracket mount p/n T7.92.3220.126.000.73/B at the eye-ring of each elevator actuator bracket define their diameter on the two axes (each at 90 degrees) in order to asses if the eccentricity is found/not found.
- d) for the external bush p/n T7.92.3220.127.000.73/B at the installation location of floating bush p/n T7.92.5101.107.000.73, measure the internal eccentricity in the two axes without dismounting.
- 3.2. If the bush p/n T7.92.5101.107.000.73/A at the actuator mounting bracket is installed, then the inspection of the mount attachments, brackets should be held in order to reveal any damages, galling and make a NDT report containing the issues identified (sizes, nature of deterioration, etc.) by performing the subsequent actions:
- 3.2.1. Measure the gap between the bushes at the mounting brackets and elevator hinge-bracket eye-rings.
- 3.2.2. Assess the galling on the mounting bracket and elevator hinge-bracket eye-rings.
  - 4. The above results should be addressed to the aircraft design organization SCAC to the following addresses <u>customercare@scac.ru</u> and <u>airworthiness@scac.ru</u>.



Figure 1