# **EASA**

## **AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE**



AD No: 2007-0264

Date: 09 October 2007

No person may operate an aircraft to which an Airworthiness Directive applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that Airworthiness Directive unless otherwise agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry.

## **Type Approval Holder's Name:**

## Type/Model designation(s):

Empresa Brasileira de Aeronáutica S.A.

EMB-135BJ

TCDS Number: EASA IM.A.032; ANAC (Agência Nacional de Aviação Civil - Brazil) EA-9606

Foreign AD: This AD is related to, and prompted by ANAC AD Nr. 2007-08-01.

Replacement: For aircraft that operate under EU Regulations, the requirements of this AD take precedence over those contained in ANAC AD 2007-08-01.

ATA 28	Fuel System - Fuel Tank System Airworthiness Limitations (AWL) - Implementation
Manufacturer(s):	Empresa Brasileira de Aeronáutica, S.A. (EMBRAER)
Applicability:	Model EMB-135BJ aircraft, all serial numbers.
Reason:	ANAC has issued a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Embraer Model EMB-135BJ aircraft. This AD requires revising the approved maintenance plan by incorporating new airworthiness limitations (AWLs) for fuel tank systems to satisfy the RBHA-E88 (equivalent to FAA SFAR-88) requirements. This AD results from a design review of the fuel tank systems. ANAC has issued this AD to prevent the potential for ignition sources inside fuel tanks caused by latent failures, alterations, repairs, or maintenance actions, which, in combination with flammable fuel vapours could result in a fuel tank explosion and consequent loss of the airplane.
	ANAC AD Nr. 2007-08-01 (copy attached) mandates the Fuel System Limitation Items, including the Critical Design Configuration Control Limitations (CDCCL), for EMB-135BJ aircraft with a final compliance time of 31 December 2008. However, Embraer has voluntarily anticipated and respected the "EASA policy statement on the process for developing instructions for maintenance and inspection of fuel tank ignition source prevention" [EASA D2005/CPRO, later revised EASA D2006/CPRO 8 March 2006] by publishing the Fuel System Limitation Items in Embraer Maintenance Planning Guide (MPG), document No. MPG-1483 Revision 5, dated 22 March 2007.
	The EASA compliance time schedule is considered to be a straightforward application of Regulation (EC) No 2042/2003 Part M.A.302 in relation to the publication of the Airworthiness Limitations (including CDCCL) by Embraer in

	document No. MPG-1483.
	According to Part M.A.302(f) and (g), operators should have been aware of these Fuel Airworthiness Limitations as published by Embraer and implemented these into their aircraft maintenance programme as a result of the required annual review.
	With this EASA AD, EASA endorses the technical content of the ANAC Brasil AD 2007-08-01.
	However, in deviation from the ANAC AD, EASA requires the incorporation of the relevant tasks into the aircraft maintenance programme before 01 December 2007.
Effective Date:	23 October 2007
Compliance:	EASA endorses the technical content of ANAC AD 2007-08-01, which is attached as an appendix to this directive, except regarding paragraphs (a) and (b) of that document, which must be applied as follows:
	<ul> <li>(a) Before 01 December 2007, revise the approved maintenance program to incorporate the tasks presented in the Appendix 2, Section A2.5.2: Fuel System Limitation Items, as shown in the MPG-1483 Revision 5, dated 22 March 2007;</li> </ul>
	(b) Before 01 December 2007, revise the approved maintenance program to incorporate items 1), 2) and 3) of the Appendix 2, Section A2.4: Critical Design Configuration Control Limitations (CDCCL), as shown in the MPG-1483 Revision 5, dated 22 March 2007;
	Accomplishing the revision in accordance with a later revision of Embraer document No. MPG-1483 is an acceptable method of compliance if the revision is approved by EASA directly or through Agency Decision 2004/03/CF by ANAC (formerly identified as DAC/CTA).
Ref. Publications:	Embraer Maintenance Planning Guide (MPG), document No. MPG-1483 Revision 5, dated 22 March 2007.
Remarks :	If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can accept Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD.
	<ol> <li>This AD was posted on 30 August 2007 as PAD 07-160 for consultation until 28 September 2007. No comments were received during the consultation period.</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the AD Focal Point - Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail: <a href="mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu">ADs@easa.europa.eu</a>.</li> </ol>
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# AGÊNCIA NACIONAL DE AVIAÇÃO CIVIL - BRAZIL

## **BRAZILIAN AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE**

AD No.: 2007-08-01 Effective Date: 27 Sep. 2007

The following Brazilian Airworthiness Directive (AD), issued by the Agência Nacional de Aviação Civil (ANAC) in accordance with provisions of Chapter IV, Title III of Código Brasileiro de Aeronáutica - Law No. 7,565 dated 19 December 1986 - and Regulamento Brasileiro de Homologação Aeronáutica (RBHA) 39, applies to all aircraft registered in the Registro Aeronáutico Brasileiro. No person may operate an aircraft to which this AD applies, unless it has previously complied with the requirements established herein.

#### AD No. 2007-08-01 - EMBRAER - Amendment 39-1194.

#### **APPLICABILITY:**

This Airworthiness Directive is applicable to Embraer EMB-135BJ aircraft model in operation.

#### **CANCELLATION / REVISION:**

Not applicable.

## **REASON:**

Fuel system reassessment, performed according to RBHA-E88/SFAR-88, requires the inclusion of new maintenance tasks in the Critical Design Configuration Control Limitations (CDCCL) and in the Fuel System Limitations (FSL), necessary to preclude ignition sources in the fuel system.

Since this condition affects flight safety, a corrective action is required. Thus, sufficient reason exists to request compliance with this AD in the indicated time limit.

## **REQUIRED ACTION:**

Updating of the aircraft approved maintenance plan according to the Maintenance Planning Guide (MPG).

## **COMPLIANCE:**

Required as indicated below, unless already accomplished.

- (a) Before 31 Dec. 2008, alter the aircraft approved maintenance plan to include the tasks and their implementation plan presented in the Appendix 2, Section A2.5.2: Fuel System Limitation Items, as shown in the MPG-1483 Revision 5, dated 22 Mar. 2007, or further MPG revisions approved by ANAC, with the intervals stated in that document.
- (b) Within the next 180 days after the effective date of this AD, alter the aircraft approved maintenance plan to include items 1, 2 and 3 of the Appendix 2, Section A2.4: Critical Design Configuration Control Limitations (CDCCL), as shown in the MPG-1483 Revision 5, dated 22 Mar. 2007, or further MPG revisions approved by ANAC, with the restrictions imposed by that document.

Record compliance with this AD in the applicable maintenance log book.

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**NOTE:** Original in Portuguese language signed and available in the files of the Aeronautical Products Certification Branch (GGCP) of the National Agency of Civil Aviation (ANAC).