


EASA	NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE AN AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE
	<p>PAD No.: 12-023</p> <p>Date: 26 March 2012</p> <p>Note: This Proposed Airworthiness Directive (PAD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 on behalf of the European Community, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 66 of that Regulation.</p>
<p>In accordance with the EASA Continuing Airworthiness Procedures, the Executive Director is proposing the issuance of an EASA Airworthiness Directive (AD), applicable to the aeronautical product(s) identified below. All interested persons may send their comments, referencing the PAD Number above, to the e-mail address specified in the 'Remarks' section, prior to the consultation closing date indicated.</p>	
<p>Type Approval Holder's Name :</p> <p>Saab AB, Aeronautics</p>	<p>Type/Model designation(s) :</p> <p>2000 aeroplanes</p>
<p>TCDS Number : EASA.A.069</p>	
<p>Foreign AD : Not applicable</p>	
<p>Supersedure : None</p>	
ATA 53	Fuselage – Centre Bottom Panel – Inspection
Manufacturer(s):	Saab AB, Aeronautics (formerly Saab Aerosystems).
Applicability:	Model 2000, all serial numbers.
Reason:	<p>On two SAAB 2000 aeroplanes, signs of chafing have been found on the bottom panel of the centre cabin between fuselage station (STA) 562 and STA 622. The investigation results have shown that the chafing is caused by certain Hi Lok fasteners, installed as a repair during production, through the upper wing skin panel.</p> <p>This condition, if not detected and corrected, could affect the structural integrity of the affected wing-to-fuselage connection.</p> <p>To address this potential unsafe condition, SAAB issued Service Bulletin (SB) 2000-53-057 to provide instructions for a general visual inspection to detect chafing in the area between the upper wing skin and the cabin centre bottom panel and to verify if there are Hi Lok fasteners installed with the collar up.</p> <p>For the reasons described above, this AD requires a one-time inspection of the designated area, the accomplishment of corrective action(s), depending on findings, and the reporting of all inspection results to SAAB.</p> <p>This AD is considered an interim action and further AD action may follow.</p>
Effective Date:	[TBD: 14 days after Final AD issue date]

<p>Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):</p>	<p>Required as indicated, unless already accomplished:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, accomplish a general visual inspection of the area between the upper part of the wing skin and the centre bottom panel, in accordance with the instructions of SAAB SB 2000-53-057. (2) If, during the inspection as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, Hi Lok fasteners are found installed with the collar up, and/or signs of chafing are found, before next flight, record the Hi Lok locations and the findings, in accordance with the instructions of SAAB SB 2000-53-057, contact SAAB for approved repair instructions and accomplish those instructions accordingly. (3) Within 30 days after the inspection as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, or within 30 days after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, report all findings (including none) to SAAB, in accordance with the instructions of SAAB SB 2000-53-057.
<p>Ref. Publications:</p>	<p>SAAB SB 2000-53-057 original issue dated 22 November 2011.</p> <p>The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.</p>
<p>Remarks :</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 23 April 2012. 2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the Safety Information Section, Executive Directorate, EASA. E-mail ADs@easa.europa.eu. 3. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this PAD, please contact: Saab AB, Support and Services SE-581 88 Linköping, Sweden Fax: +46 13 184874 E-mail: saab2000.techsupport@saabgroup.com.