

# AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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*Inspection and/or modifications described below are mandatory. No person may operate a product to which this Airworthiness Directive applies except in accordance with the requirements of this Airworthiness Directive.*

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In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

### A300 Aircraft

Inspection of nose landing gear aft door hinge fittings

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300 aircraft, all certified models, serial numbers 002 to 019 included.

In order to prevent initiation of cracks at the nose landing gear aft door hinge fittings, which could lead to the loss of the doors in flight and cause damage to the surrounding structure, the following measures are rendered mandatory from the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

1. Perform an eddy current inspection of the hinge fittings before accumulation of 8000 flights, in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-52-161.

**Note** : On the aircraft which have accumulated more than 8000 flights, perform this inspection within 500 flight hours following the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive.

2. Repeat this inspection every 700 flights in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-52-161.

**NOTE** : Should a crack be detected, the 2 forward fittings (doors left and right) shall be replaced before the next flight, and the inspection threshold will then be 8000 flights.

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Ref. : AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-52-161  
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