

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

A340 Aircraft

Passenger/Emergency doors - Actuator striker mechanism

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A340 aircraft certified in all models which have not received AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modifications 45090 and 45155.

In order to prevent a passenger or emergency door from not being power assisted during an opening in emergency mode, due to jamming of the emergency actuator mechanism, the following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

- 1/ Unless already accomplished, before 36 months after entry in service or within 500 flight hours on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, whichever occurs later, perform a detailed visual inspection of both striker and guide valves of all passenger and emergency door actuators in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-52-4048.
- 2/ If corrosion is found refer to MMEL, or, prior to further flight remove and replace defect striker mechanism(s) by either new unit(s), or proceed temporarily with re-installation of the striker mechanism provided that the corrosion has been removed, parts cleaned and there is free movement of the striker in its guide. Based on this condition, within 18 months remove and replace striker mechanism(s) by new unit(s).
- 3/ For all aircraft, repeat a detailed visual inspection as described in paragraph 1 of this Airworthiness Directive at intervals of 36 months in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-52-4048.

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(or any further approved revision)

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