

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.

Translation of 'Consigne de Navigabilité' ref. : 96-245-050(B) R1
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A340 Aircraft

Thrust reversers locking (ATA 78)

1/ Applicability :

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A340 aircraft models -211, -212, -213, -311, -312 and -313 all serial numbers.

2/ Reasons :

Further to the introduction of an improved primary lock design which prevents cases of rejected take-off due to thrust reverser "UNLOCKED" ECAM warnings, some "REV. UNLOCKED" events have been reported in flight.

In all cases the doors were maintained closed by the actuator secondary locks.

3/ Compliance :

In order to prevent the inadvertent opening of one reverser door, the following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

3.1 Before accumulation of 1300 flight hours since first flight or within 500 flight hours since the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive at initial issue, whichever occurs later, perform the operational test of the actuator secondary locks in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-78-4012.

3.2 Repeat this operational test every 1300 flight hours.

4/ Alternate means of compliance :

For aircraft which have received AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Modification 45150 and 45486 or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-78-4013 at initial issue or any further approved revision.

- 4.1** Perform the operational test of the actuator secondary locks as described in the paragraph 3.1 of this Airworthiness Directive before accumulation of 4000 flight hours since first flight.
- 4.2** Repeat this operational test every 4000 flight hours.

Ref. : AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-78-4012
(or any further approved revision)
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-78-4013
(or any further approved revision)

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