

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

Fuselage - Forward canted frames

This Airworthiness Directive applies to the following AIRBUS INDUSTRIE aircraft :

- A300 models B2-1C, B2K-3C, B2-202, B2-320 and B2-203, all serial numbers,
- A300 model B4-120, serial numbers 079 and 094.

In order to detect and prevent any propagation of cracks at the forward canted frames, between fuselage frames 47a and 48 between STR41 and STR43, which would affect the structural integrity, the following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

- 1) Prior to the accumulation of 11,000 flights or within the 2,000 flights following the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive on the original issue, whichever occurs later, perform an Eddy Current inspection and carry out the repairs if required in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-53-314.

Note 1 : The aircraft which have exceeded 14,000 flights on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive on original issue will have to be inspected within the next 1,000 flights.

- 2) Following the results of the previous inspection and depending on any possible repair performed, repeat the Eddy Current inspection at the threshold and intervals defined in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-53-314.

Note 2 : Inform the manufacturer of all test results.

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(or any further revision)

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EFFECTIVE DATES :

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