

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

Emergency exit - Fuselage skin panel corrosion (ATA 53)

Effectivity :

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300 aircraft : all certified models except 600 series and all serial numbers.

Reason :

Several cases of corrosion on the aircraft skin around the emergency exits have been reported. Any significant corrosion propagation could affect the structural integrity of the airframe and could lead to extensive repair.

Action :

Within 18 months following the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-53-301 revision 1, perform a visual inspection and any necessary repair of the fuselage skin between FR55 and FR58 from STGR13 thru STGR31, RH and LH.

Repeat the inspection every 18 months.

Note :

- No further inspections in accordance with this Airworthiness Directive are required for panels which have been replaced as per the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE repair drawings 16R53970104 or 16R53970294.

For aircraft which have been partially repaired as per the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE repair drawings ref. 16R53970131 or 16R53970132, the section of the panel which has not been replaced will remain submitted to the requirements of this Airworthiness Directive.

A fatigue inspection programme for the repaired area (24000 flight cycle threshold from time of repair embodiment and 6000 flight cycle interval) has to be applied.

Ref. : AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin 53-301 R1
(or any other later approved revision)
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE repair drawings : 16R53970131 - 16R53970132
16R53970104 - 16R53970294

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