

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. : 97-371-235(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A300 Aircraft

Fuselage - Modification of bonded longitudinal lap joints (ATA 53)

Effectivity :

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300 aircraft, all certified models except 600 series, all serial numbers, except for :

- a/c serial number 008,
- a/c on which AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification N° 2727 has been embodied before delivery,
- a/c on which AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-53-209 has been embodied.

Reason :

Several cases of delamination of the bonded longitudinal lap joints were reported between FR 72 and FR 76 at STGR 29 RH and LH and between FR 72 and FR 80 at STGR 35 RH and LH.

The situation could lead to the corrosion propagation and could affect the structural integrity of the airframe.

Action :

At the next due date of accomplishment of Service Bulletin A300-53-148, latest within 60 months following the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, install riveted doublers in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-53-209 revision 9.

Note : The area to be modified will have to be inspected in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-53-148 ; the results of any inspection performed within 12 months preceding the modification will be considered as valid.

Ref. : AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-53-148, A300-53-209
(or any other later approved revision)

EFFECTIVE DATE : DECEMBER 13, 1997