

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

Rear fuselage - Frame 73A inspection

Applicability :

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A340 aircraft models -211 ; -212 ; -213 ; 311 ; -312 ; 313 which have not received either AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 41849 or 43338 or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4050.

Reasons :

This inspection is necessary to prevent crack initiation or propagation at an early stage on the RH/LH side of frame 73A between beam 5 and beam 6 as evidenced during fatigue tests which unless corrected could lead to a reduced structural integrity and extensive repairs.

Compliance :

Rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, unless already previously accomplished :

- 1) Before accumulation of 8750 flights perform a high-frequency eddy current inspection of the suspect areas of frame 73A in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4051.
- 2) Depending upon the inspection results, proceed consistent with the instructions described in the flow chart of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4051.
- 3) If no terminating action is performed as per above paragraph 2), then repeat the inspection and the requirements of above paragraph 2) at intervals not exceeding 1200 flights in accordance with the flow chart of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4051.

Note : No further action is required after accomplishment of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4050.

References :

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4051 (or any further approved revision).
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