

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. : 98-029-001(B)

In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A300-600ST Beluga Aircraft

Inspection of lower boom of the front and rear wing spars
inboard and outboard of rib 9

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300-600ST aircraft, all certified models without modification No. 10161 embodied when built.

In order to prevent crack initiation at the lower boom of the front and rear wing spars inboard and outboard of rib 9, which could affect the structural integrity of the airframe, the following measures are rendered mandatory from the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

- 1) Perform an ultrasonic inspection of the holes defined in Service Bulletin A300-57-6037 Revision 1 before accumulation of 17,000 flights or within 2000 flights following the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, whichever occurs later.
- 2) Repeat this inspection in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-57-6037 Revision 1 at intervals not exceeding 4800 flights.

Note : Values for thresholds and intervals have been established, with an average flight duration of 2.1 hour. Should an aircraft be used with average flight duration different from 2.1 hour, a correction, as per methods defined in MRBD A300-600, a revised in February 1992 (chapter 5-§ 5-4), would have to be applied.

Ref. : Airworthiness Directive A300-600 No. 94-208-169(B)R2
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-57-6037 Rev. 1
(or any further approved revision)

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