

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. : 98-032-004(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A300-600ST Beluga Aircraft

APU - Bleed air ducts

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300-600ST aircraft, all certified models and all serial numbers on which AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification No. 11308 was not embodied, when manufactured.

In order to detect and prevent any degradation (wear and presence of cracks) of APU bleed air duct flanges between FR83 and FR93, which could lead to the duct rupture and affect the elevator and rudder control systems located in this fuselage section, the following measures are rendered mandatory from the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive.

Prior to the accumulation of 5000 flights since new or within 1000 flight cycles following the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, whichever occurs later, perform an inspection and if necessary replace the ducts whose P/Ns are listed in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A.O.T. 36-02 of August 23, 1995, in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-36-6024.

NOTE : A revision of the above mentioned Service Bulletin, with a list of the affected duct P/Ns will soon be issued in accordance with A.O.T. 36-02.

Ref. : Airworthiness Directive A300-600 No. 95-182-184(B)
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A.O.T. 36-02 dated 23/08/1995
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-36-6024
(or further approved revision)

This Airworthiness Directive replaces Airworthiness Directive 95-004ST, subject of a restricted diffusion.

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