

# 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. : 1998-036-008(B) R1  
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

### A300-600ST Beluga aircraft

Ram Air Turbine (RAT) uplock pin Corrosion inspection (ATA 29)

#### APPLICABILITY:

This Airworthiness Directive (AD) applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300-600ST aircraft, all serial numbers except those which have received in production:

- AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification No. 11527 or
- AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification No. 19040.

#### REASONS:

This AD is issued in order to correct effects of corrosion not detected on the shaft or the needle bearing supporting the feedthrough from the RAT uplock unit to the lever which is actuated by a control cable, and which may prevent the RAT from extending.

Revision 1 of this AD modifies the "Applicability" paragraph in order to take into account the introduction of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modifications.

#### COMPLIANCE:

The following measures are rendered mandatory from the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive at original issue.

- 1) Before the aircraft reaches 30 months of service after delivery, extend the RAT on the ground, remove the lever assembly and perform a visual inspection in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-29-6037.

**NOTE 1:** Aircraft which have already been inspected according to the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A.O.T. 29-16 original issue of June 28, 1995 or A.O.T. 29-16 Rev. 1 dated January 10, 1996 are not concerned by the requirements of § 1 of this Airworthiness Directive.

- 2) Every 30 months, repeat the inspections according to the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-29-6037 or modify the lever assembly according to the instructions of Service Bulletin AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300-29-6038.

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**NOTE 2:** If corroded parts are found, they must be scrapped and replaced by airworthy parts within the following 12 months. If temporarily reused, they must be cleaned and greased before reinstallation.

**NOTE 3:** Inform AIRBUS INDUSTRIE of all inspection findings whatever they may be.

**NOTE 4:** After embodiment of Service Bulletin AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300-6038, no further inspection is required in respect of this Airworthiness Directive.

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**REF.:** A300-600 Airworthiness Directive No. 95-163-182(B) R4  
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A.O.T. 29-16 dated June 28, 1995  
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A.O.T. 29-16 Rev. 1 dated January 10, 1996  
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-29-6037  
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-29-6038  
Any further approved revision of these Service Bulletins is acceptable.

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| This Revision 1 replaces Airworthiness Directive 98-036-008(B) dated January 28, 1998.

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**EFFECTIVE DATES :**

| **Original AD : FEBRUARY 07, 1998**  
**Revision 1 : FEBRUARY 03, 2001**