

# 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. : 1998-042-014(B) R1  
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

### A300-600ST Beluga aircraft

Inner airbrakes 1 and 2 - Inspection of center hinge fittings (ATA 57)

#### APPLICABILITY:

This Airworthiness Directive (AD) applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300-600ST aircraft, all models and all serial numbers without modification AIRBUS INDUSTRIE No. 19050 in production (or Service Bulletin A300-57-6077 in service).

#### REASONS:

This AD is issued in order to detect and prevent crack propagation at the center hinge fittings of airbrakes 1 and 2 which could lead to their rupture and the propagation of cracks on the inner and outer hinge fittings leading to loss of airbrakes 1 and 2.

Revision 1 of this AD is issued in order to introduce an Alternative Mean of Compliance (AMOC) which exempts from the inspections required by paragraph "Compliance".

#### COMPLIANCE:

The following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive at Revision 1:

- 1) Prior to the accumulation of 16 000 flight cycles, perform a high-frequency eddy current inspection of the hinge fittings and repair if necessary before next flight in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-57-6074.
- 2) Repeat this inspection program every 8200 flights or modify the hinge fittings in accordance with AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-57-6077.

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**REF.:** Airworthiness Directive A300-600 No. 97-080-211(B) R2  
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-57-6074  
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-57-6077  
Any further approved revision of these Service Bulletins is acceptable.

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This Revision 1 replaces Airworthiness Directive 98-042-014(B) dated January 28, 1998.

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**EFFECTIVE DATES :**

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