

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. : 98-102-081(B)

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

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A340 Aircraft

Fuselage - Reinforce the doorframes for type A emergency exit doors (ATA 53)

Applicability :

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A340 aircraft models -211, -212, -213, -311, -312 and -313 which have received AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 40161 (Introduction of type A doors) and which have not received either :

- AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modifications 42351 and 42353 and 43437 or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4027 or,
- AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 41848.

Reasons :

To prevent crack occurrence around the doorframe between FR53.5 and FR53.7B, and above the doorframe between FR53.4 and FR53.8, LH and RH, as evidenced during fatigue tests and which could lead to a reduced structural integrity.

Compliance :

The following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, unless already previously accomplished :

- Before accumulation of 10000 flights from aircraft first entry in service reinforce the doorframe of the type A emergency exit doors, LH and RH, in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4027.

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Note : No further action is required after accomplishment of either this Airworthiness Directive or Airbus Industrie Service Bulletin A340-53-4027.

Ref. : AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4027
(or any further approved revisions)

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