

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. : 1998-484-081(B) R2
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A330 aircraft

Mid and aft passenger/crew doors and emergency exit -
Slide locking mechanism (ATA 52)

APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A330 aircraft all models, all serial numbers:

- which have received AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification (Mod.) 44330 (for mid and aft passenger/crew doors) and which have not received Mod. 46471 (or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin (SB) A330-52-3050), and/or
- which have received Mod. 44332 (for emergency exit type A) and which have not received Mod. 46473 (or SB A330-52-3050), and/or
- which have received Mod. 44860 (for emergency exit type 1) and which have not received Mod. 46472 (or SB A330-52-3050).

REASONS:

Two bolts (P/N F5217044420000) acting as a pivot inside the emergency slide mechanism were found to be insufficiently secured.

Mid and aft passenger/crew doors and emergency exit (type A and type 1) may be affected.

Loosing one of these bolts can lead to a condition where in an emergency evacuation the slide could become detached from the aircraft once inflated.

This could delay the evacuation of passengers during an emergency situation.

Revision 2 of this AD is issued in order to clarify the "Applicability" paragraph.

COMPLIANCE:

The following actions are rendered mandatory from effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, unless already accomplished :

1. Not later than 500 flight hours from July 25, 1998 (effective date of Airworthiness Directive 1998-267-072(B) at initial issue), accomplish the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A.O.T. (All Operator Telex) 52-13 dated May 28, 1998.
2. Not later than 15 months from the effective date of the original issue of this Airworthiness Directive, replace the pivot pins and the tab washers of the slide locking mechanism (2 per door) of the mid and aft passenger/crew doors and of the emergency exit (type A or type 1) in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A330-52-3050.

Note 1 : The interim solution given in the A.O.T. 52-13 dated May 28, 1998 is temporary limited to 15 months from the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive.

Note 2 : Accomplishment of the requirement of the paragraph 2 of this Airworthiness Directive cancels the requirement of the A.O.T. 52-13 rendered mandatory as per paragraph 1 of this Airworthiness Directive.

REF. : AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A.O.T. 52-13 dated May 28, 1998
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A330-52-3050
(or any further approved revisions).

| This Revision 2 replaces Airworthiness Directive 1998-484-081(B) R1 dated March 10, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATES:

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