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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. : 1999-284-290(B) In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A300 aircraft

Landing gear - Brake bar fittings (ATA 32)

APPLICABILITY :

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300 Aircraft, all certified models except for -600 series, all serial numbers equipped with "La Guardia" main landing gears with steel brakes.

REASONS :

Following cases of brake bar loss in service, with sheared front and rear attachment bolts, the inspection of other landing gears under the same conditions showed cases of damaged attachment bolts.

Knowing that the separation of the brake bar on the strut side may prevent the main landing gear from extending, the following measures are rendered mandatory from the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive.

ACTIONS :

- 1) Within 500 flight hours following the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, unless already done, inspect the retaining bolts of the brake bar attachments and take the corrective actions if necessary, in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-32-0430.
- 2) Repeat this program of detailed visual inspections every 500 flight hours.

<u>REF.</u>: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-32-0430 (original issue or any later approved revision).

EFFECTIVE DATE : JULY 23, 1999