

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. : 1999-007-019(B) R1
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A300-600ST BELUGA aircraft

Wing - Pylon thrust and sideload fitting (Spigot) (ATA 57)

APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300-600ST aircraft all certified models and all serial numbers except MSN776 and subsequent.

REASONS:

A crack was found on an in-service aircraft at the wing/pylon thrust and sideload fitting (spigot).

The propagation of such cracks could affect the structural integrity of the airframe.

Revision 1 of this Airworthiness Directive modifies the applicability list and refers to MRB for the adjustment of threshold and interval values.

ACTIONS:

- Prior to accumulation of 2,800 flight cycles or within 18 months following the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive at original issue, whichever occurs later, perform a detailed visual inspection in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service A300-57-6079.
- Repeat the same detailed visual inspection every 2,800 flight cycles.
- Any cracked fitting must be replaced before the next flight in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-57-6079.

Note: The 2,800 FC threshold and interval retained for this inspection program were determined for a reference average flight time (AFT). When operating an aircraft which average flight time exceeds this value, the operator shall adjust the values in accordance with MRBR section D§8.

REF.: - Airworthiness Directive A300-600 No. 97-358-232(B) R1
- AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-57-6079
- Any further approved revision of these Service Bulletins is acceptable
- MRBR section D§8.

This Revision 1 supersedes AD1999-007-019(B) dated January 13, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATES :

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