

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. : 2000-036-030(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A300-600ST BELUGA aircraft

Fuselage - Gantry lower flange inspection (ATA 53)

APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUTRIE A300-600ST aircraft, all certified models, all serial numbers without modification
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE 10147 embodied in production or SATIC modification 19020 embodied in production or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-53-6043 in service.

REASON:

Cracks were found on the gantry lower flanges during validation of an inspection method providing easier access for SSI 53-15-76.

Propagation of such cracks could lead to cabin decompression.

ACTIONS:

Prior to accumulation of 16,300 flights perform an ultrasonic inspection of the gantry lower flanges in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300-600 A.O.T. No. 53-11 dated October 13, 1997.

Perform the necessary repairs in accordance with the instructions of the same A.O.T.

Inform AIRBUS INDUSTRIE of all inspection findings, whatever they may be.

REF. : Airworthiness Directive A300-600 n° 97-372-236(B)
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300-600 A.O.T. No. 53-11 dated October 13, 1997
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