

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. : 2000-041-035(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A300-600ST BELUGA aircraft

Thrust reverser control system (ATA 78)

APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300-600ST, all certified models and all serial numbers, equipped with General Electric CF6-80C2 engines.

REASON:

In-service events revealed a failure rate higher than that assessed during the initial certification for a critical part of the thrust reverser control system, the Center Drive Unit (CDU) cone brake.

ACTION:

Therefore, to prevent an uncommanded deployment of the thrust reverser fitted on the CF6-80C2 engines, the following measures are rendered mandatory from the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

1. Within 500 flight hours following the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive inspect the thrust reversers per Middle River Aircraft Systems Alert Service Bulletin CF6-80C2 S/B 78A1015 Revision 4.
2. Repeat the inspections of the thrust reversers per Middle River Aircraft Systems Alert Service Bulletin CF6-80C2 S/B 78A1015 Revision 4 at intervals not exceeding 7000 flight hours.

REF. : Airworthiness Directive A300-600 n° 98-275-251(B)
Middle River Aircraft Systems Alert Service Bulletin
CF6-80C2 S/B 78A1015 Revision 4 dated July 01, 1998.
(or any further approved revision)

EFFECTIVE DATE : FEBRUARY 05, 2000

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January 26, 2000

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