

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. : 2000-317-045(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A300-600ST BELUGA aircraft

Centre wing box - Junction of rear spar and lower panel with fuselage (ATA 57)

1. APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A300-600ST aircraft, all certified models and all serial numbers.

2. REASONS:

Following the detection of cracks on in-service A300-600 aircraft which had then accumulated about 20,000 flights, the purpose of Airworthiness Directive 94-241-170(B) of November 9, 1994, was to implement a mandatory program of repetitive inspections of these aircraft on frame 47 at the last fasteners of the angle fitting of the centre wing box (holes H and I).

During application of Airworthiness Directive 94-241-170(B), cracks were found before the threshold of the inspection program was reached, and also on other attachment holes (holes K, L, M and N).

A new definition of the inspection program is mandatory through Airworthiness Directive 1999-147-279 (B) for A300-600 aircraft. This program is applicable to A300-600ST BELUGA aircraft.

3. ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE:

- 3.1. Perform an inspection of attachment holes H, I, K, L, M and N, as per the instructions defined in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-57-6049 Revision 3, in accordance with the threshold indicated in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-57-6049 Revision 3.
- 3.2. Depending on the results of the previous inspection and the corrective actions taken, repeat the inspection in accordance with the instructions and intervals defined in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-57-6049 Revision 3.
- 3.3. Inform the aircraft manufacturer of all inspection results, whatever they may be.

REF.: Airworthiness Directive A300-600 No. 1999-147-279(B)
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A300-57-6049 Revision 3
(or any other later approved revision).

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