

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. : 2000-359-152(B) R2
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A319/A320/A321 aircraft

Emergency escape slides : modification of the links (ATA 25)

APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A319, A320 and A321 aircraft, all certified models, all serial numbers, equipped with escape slides P/N D31516-103, D31516-105, D31516-107, D31516-109, D31517-103, D31517-105, D31517-107, D31517-109 without AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 28103 in production or without AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-25-1215 in service.

REASONS:

An operator has reported that during a deployment test of an escape slide, the escape slide did not inflate completely due to ingestion of sill support-log material into the aspirator caused by Velcro restraint separation during packing.

This malfunction may disturb the escape of passengers during an emergency.

Airworthiness Directive 1999-356-136(B) was issued to deal with this subject.

This new Airworthiness Directive mandates the same actions as the previous one but with a reduced threshold further to additional reported deployment failures.

ACTION AND COMPLIANCE:

Before August 31, 2002, replace the Velcro restraint with a frangible link in accordance with the instructions given in the AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-25-1215.

REF.: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-25-1215
(or any further approved revision).

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