

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. : 2000-444-156(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A319/A320/A321 aircraft

IAE engine fan cowl loss in flight (ATA 71)

APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A319 models -131, -132, -133, A320 models -231, -232, -233, A321 models -131 and -231 all serial numbers without AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 21948/P6222 or 24259/P6222 in production or IAE VSB V2500-NAC-71-0256 in service.

REASONS:

Some cases of fan cowl losses during take-off have been experienced on A319/A320/A321 aircraft equipped with IAE V2500 engines.

This kind of incident is linking to maintenance tasks where fan cowl doors were not fully latched.

The loss of fan cowl could result in aircraft damage and/or hazardous conditions beneath aircraft flight path.

ACTION:

Before May 10, 2002, install new anti-swivel plates and weights to all engine fan cowl door latches in accordance with the instructions of IAE VSB V2500-NAC-71-0256.

REF.: IAE VSB V2500-NAC-71-0256
(or any further approved revision).

EFFECTIVE DATE : NOVEMBER 10, 2000