

# 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. : 2001-364(B)  
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

### A300B2, A300B4 and A300-600 aircraft

Gear Rib 5 inspection (ATA 57)

#### APPLICABILITY:

All A300B2/B4 aircraft that have accumulated more than 7,500 FC at the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive (AD), that have not been modified as per AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Modification SB57-235 (Mod 11932) and that have not been inspected as per mandatory SB A300 SB57A0234.

All A300-600 aircraft that have accumulated more than 7,500 FC at the effective date of this AD, that have not been modified as per AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 11912 or 11932, [or SB57-6088 (Mod 11932) in service] and that have not been inspected as per mandatory SB A300-600 SB57A6087.

#### REASONS:

An A300-600 operator reported a 450 mm crack in the area of the Main Landing Gear attachment fitting on the gear rib 5. This crack is similar to the previous ones which led to the issue of AD 1998-151-247(B) R2, but it has been found significantly earlier than expected.

Propagation of this type of crack could lead to permanent deformation and affect structural integrity of the surrounding structure.

#### COMPLIANCE:

At the next opportunity, and in any case not later than within 100 FC from effective date of this AD, perform a one-time detailed visual inspection of the bottom flange and vertical web of the gear rib 5 LH/RH, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the applicable AIRBUS INDUSTRIE All Operator Telex A300-57A0239 (A300B2/B4) or A300-600 57A6094 (A300-600).

Report all inspection results to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE.

REF.: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE AOT A300-57A0239 dated August 02, 2001  
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE AOT A300-600 57A6094 dated August 02, 2001.

This AD has been the subject of a telegraphic diffusion on August 02, 2001

#### EFFECTIVE DATE :

Upon receipt of the telegraphic AD from AUGUST 02, 2001

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November 14, 2001

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