

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. : 2001-380(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A319 and A320 aircraft

Offwing escape slides modification (ATA 25)

APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A319 and A320 aircraft, all certified models, all serial numbers, equipped with offwing escape slides P/N D31865-101, D31865-102, D31865-103, D31865-104, D31865-105, D31865-106, D31865-107, D31865-108 except the aircraft having received:

- All AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modifications 24850, 25844 and 27275 in production

or

- AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletins A320-25-1156 R1 and A320-25-1265 in service.

REASONS:

Following slide loss in flight, the expertise which was performed at that time on the container doors and containers had revealed delamination in the container door area.

Further to recent case of offwing slide loss in flight, it has been evidenced that the repetitive inspection of the offwing slide door containers left and right which is mandated by Airworthiness Directive (AD) 1999-232-132(B) was not effective.

The purpose of this AD is to mandate the corrective actions have been defined by SB A320-25-1156 R1 and SB A320-25-1265 to prevent cases of incorrect offwing deployment due to fabric ingestion in the aspirator.

Aircraft structural integrity could be impaired for offwing slide loss in flight and under emergency conditions (aircraft evacuation) the offwing slide deployment could be incorrectly inflated (aspirator ingestion).

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ACTION:

Within 3 years following the effective date of this AD, modify the offwing slide and its aspirator in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS service Bulletins A320-25-1156 R2 and A320-25-1265.

REF.: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-25-1156 R1
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-25-1265
(Any further approved revision of these SB's is acceptable).

This AD replaces AD 1999-232-132(B) which is cancelled by its Revision 1.

EFFECTIVE DATE : SEPTEMBER 15, 2001

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