

# 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. : 2002-525(B)  
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## AIRBUS

### A300, A310 and A300-600 aircraft

Passenger/crew doors and emergency exits -  
Escape slide girt bar attachment fittings (ATA 52)

#### 1. APPLICABILITY

AIRBUS A300, A310 and A300-600 aircraft, all certified models and all serial numbers, except for aircraft MSN 0831 and subsequent.

#### 2. REASONS

During escape slide deployment tests conducted on an AIRBUS A330 aircraft, the escape slide girt bar became detached just after deployment. The installation concept of the escape slides on AIRBUS A300, A310 and A300-600 aircraft is similar to the one of AIRBUS A330 aircraft.

The suspected causes of this incident which occurred during tests are:

- the presence of foreign objects in the escape slide girt bar attachment fittings,
- poor adjustment of the escape slide release mechanism and of the escape slide girt bar attachment fittings,
- insufficient insertion of the bar into its slider.

The occurrence of such an incident on an in-service aircraft could delay the evacuation of the passengers in case of an emergency.

#### 3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIME

The following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date (ED) of this Airworthiness Directive (AD), unless already accomplished:

##### 3.1. Passenger/crew doors (type A) and emergency exits (type 1)

- 3.1.1. Within 550 flight hours from the ED of this AD, conduct a visual inspection of the escape slide girt bar attachment fittings on all doors/exits and check for absence of foreign bodies in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS Service Bulletin (SB) A300-52-0174 Revision 1 or A310-52-2066 Revision 1 or A300-52-6062 Revision 1.

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**3.1.2.** Repeat the inspection of paragraph 3.1.1. above at intervals not exceeding 7 calendar days.

**3.1.3.** At latest within 18 months from the ED of this AD, adjust the escape slide release mechanism and the escape slide girt bar attachment fittings of all doors/exits in accordance with the instructions of SB A300-52-0174 Revision 1 or A310-52-2066 Revision 1 or A300-52-6062 Revision 1.

**Note:** The visual inspection requirement of paragraphs 3.1.1. and 3.1.2. of this AD becomes null and void when the instructions of paragraph 3.1.3. above have been performed.

**3.2. Passenger/crew doors only (type A)**

Within 18 months from the ED of this AD, check, and correct if necessary, the insertion of the escape slide girt bar into its slider in accordance with the instructions of SB A300-52-0174 Revision 1 or A310-52-2066 Revision 1 or A300-52-6062 Revision 1.

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**REF.:** AIRBUS Service Bulletin A300-52-0174 Rev. 1  
AIRBUS Service Bulletin A310-52-2066 Rev. 1  
AIRBUS Service Bulletin A300-52-6062 Rev. 1  
Any later approved revisions of these SBs is acceptable.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE : OCTOBER 26, 2002**