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AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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Note: This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 on behalf of the European Community, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 66 of that Regulation.

This AD is issued in accordance with EU 748/2012, Part 21.A.3B. In accordance with 1321/2014 Annex I, Part M.A.301, the continuing airworthiness of an aircraft shall be ensured by accomplishing any applicable ADs. Consequently, no person may operate an aircraft to which an AD applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that AD, unless otherwise specified by the Agency [EU 1321/2014 Annex I, Part M.A.303] or agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry [EC 216/2008, Article 14(4) exemption].

Design Approval Holder's Name:		
BAE SYSTEMS (OPERATIONS) LTD		

Type/Model designation(s):

BAe 146 and AVRO 146-RJ aeroplanes

TCDS Number: EASA.A.182

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: This AD supersedes EASA AD 2009-0014 dated 21 January 2009.

	Wings Eived Wing Loading Edge and Front Shor Structure				
ATA 57 Wings – Fixed Wing Leading Edge and Front Spar Struct Inspection / Repair					
Manufacturer(s):	BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd, British Aerospace plc, British Aerospace (Commercial Aircraft) Ltd, British Aerospace (Operations) Ltd, British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Ltd, British Aerospace Regional Aircraft trading as Avro International Aerospace.				
Applicability:	BAe 146 and AVRO 146-RJ aeroplanes, all models, all serial numbers.				
Reason:	Corrosion of the wing fixed leading edge structure was detected on a BAe 146 aeroplane during removal of wing removable edge for a repair. The review of available scheduled tasks intended to detect environmental and fatigue deteriorations of the wing revealed that they may not have been sufficient to identify corrosion or fatigue damage in the affected structural area.				
	This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to degradation of the structural integrity of the wing.				
	To address this potential unsafe condition, EASA issued AD 2009-0014 to require repetitive inspections of fixed wing leading edge and front spar structure in accordance with BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd Inspection Service Bulletin (ISB) ISB.57-072 which incorporated two possible inspection procedures, either method 1, a combination of a detailed visual inspection (DVI) and a visual inspection (VI) after removal of the outer fixed leading edge only, or method 2, a DVI only, after removal of the inner, centre and outer fixed leading edges.				
	Since that AD was issued, BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd issued ISB. 57-072 Revision 1 to correct a material reference number, Revision 2, which removed method 1 as an available inspection procedure to detect fatigue and environmental damage of the wing structure and Revision 3 to delete the requirement to install weights if the engines were removed when the leading				

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		 edges were removed. For the reasons described above, this AD retains the requirements of EASA AD 2009-0014, which is superseded, but requires accomplishment of the inspections in accordance with updated inspection procedures, i.e. method 2 only. This AD is re-published to correct a typographical error in Table 1, restoring a compliance time as previously required by EASA AD 2009-0014. 			
	Effective Date:	18 March 2014			
	Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):	 Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously: (1) Within the threshold as defined in Table 1 of this AD, as applicable, except as specified in paragraph (2) or (3) of this AD, inspect the wing fixed leading edge and front spar structure in accordance with the instructions of paragraph 2.C of BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd ISB.57-072 Revision 3. 			
		Table 1 Inspection Threshold			
			Aeroplane age since new, accumulated on 04 February 2009 [the effective date of EASA AD 2009-0014]	Initial Inspection Compliance Time	
			Less than 9 years	Within 18 months after 04 February 2009 [the effective date of EASA AD 2009-0014] or before exceeding 9 years since new, whichever occurs later	
			Equal to or more than 9 years but less than 15 years	Within 18 months after 04 February 2009 [the effective date of EASA AD 2009-0014] or before exceeding 16 years since new, whichever occurs first	
			Equal to or more than 15 years	Within 12 months after 04 February 2009 [the effective date of EASA AD 2009-0014]	
		Note 1: See paragraph (6) for acceptable alternative methods of compliance for inspections and repairs accomplished before the effective date of this AD.			
		 (2) For a fleet with 2 or more aeroplanes, which on 04 February 2009 [the effective date of EASA AD 2009-0014], accumulated equal to or more than 14 but less than 15 years since new, within 24 months after 04 February 2009 [the effective date of EASA AD 2009-0014], inspect the wing fixed leading edge and front spar structure in accordance with the instructions of paragraph 2.C of BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd ISB.57-072 at Revision 3, provided that at least 50 % of the operator's fleet is inspected within 12 months after 04 February 2009 [the effective date of EASA AD 2009-0014], and no corrosion is detected. 			
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	over 15 years in service since new.			
	1.D.2 of BAE Systems (Operations depending on applied enhanced co wing fixed leading edge and front s	Thereafter, at intervals not to exceed the values as defined in paragraph .D.2 of BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd ISB.57-072 at Revision 3, lepending on applied enhanced corrosion protection scheme, inspect the ving fixed leading edge and front spar structure in accordance with the instructions of paragraph 2.C of BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd ISB.57-072 at Revision 3.		
	(5) If, during any inspection as required by paragraph (1) or (2) or (3) or (4) of this AD, as applicable, any structural defect is detected as defined in BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd ISB.57-072 at Revision 3, before next flight, accomplish the repair in accordance with approved BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd repair instruction.			
	(6) Inspections and repairs accomplished before the effective date of this AD in accordance with the instructions of BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd ISB.57-072 at Initial Issue, or Revision 1, or Revision 2 are acceptable to comply with paragraph (1) or (2) or (3) or (4) or (5) of this AD. After the effective date of this AD, the instructions of BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd ISB.57-072 at Revision 3 must be used.			
	(7) Accomplishment of any repair, as required by paragraph (5) of this AD, does not constitute terminating action for inspections required by this AD.			
	(8) Accomplishment of inspections and, depending on findings, corrective actions as required by this AD, provide an equivalent level of safety as, and therefore constitute terminating action for, the maintenance tasks defined in Table 2 of this AD.			
Table 2				
	BAE Systems Continuing Airworthiness Document	Task Designation		
	Maintenance Review Board Report Supplemental Structural Inspection Tasks	57-20-101 57-20-102 57-40-105		
	Corrosion Prevention and Control Programme	C57-520-03-00		
	Supplemental Structural Inspection Document	S57-40-105		
Ref. Publications:	blications: BAE Systems (Operations) Ltd ISB.57-072 Initial Issue dated 22 February 2008, or Revision 1 dated 25 September 2008, or Revision 2 dated 29 April 2010, or Revision 3 dated 31 August 2010.			
	his document is acceptable for s AD.			
Remarks:	 If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD. 			
	 This AD was posted on 09 January 2014 as PAD 14-005 for consultation until 06 February 2014. The Comment Response Document can be found at <u>http://ad.easa.europa.eu</u>. 			
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