



## Airworthiness Directive

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Note: This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) 216/2008 on behalf of the European Union, 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 Regulation (EU) 748/2012, Part 21.A.3B. In accordance with Regulation (EU) 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 [Regulation (EU) 1321/2014 Annex I, Part M.A.303] or agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry [Regulation (EC) 216/2008, Article 14(4) exemption].

### Design Approval Holder's Name:

AIRBUS

### Type/Model designation(s):

A340 aeroplanes

**Effective Date:** Revision 1: 09 April 2018  
Original issue: 10 August 2016

**TCDS Number(s):** EASA.A.015

**Foreign AD:** Not applicable

**Revision:** This AD revises EASA AD 2016-0152 dated 27 July 2016, which superseded DGAC France AD 2001-124(B) dated 04 April 2001, AD 2001-0126(B) dated 04 April 2001, EASA AD 2012-0031 dated 22 February 2012, AD 2012-0167 dated 31 August 2012, AD 2012-0211 dated 12 October 2012 and AD 2013-0127 dated 11 June 2013.

### ATA 05 – Time Limits / Maintenance Checks – Damage Tolerant Airworthiness Limitation Items – ALS Part 2 – Implementation

#### Manufacturer(s):

Airbus

#### Applicability:

Airbus A340-211, A340-212, A340-213, A340-311, A340-312, A340-313, A340-541, A340-542, A340-642 and A340-643 aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers.

#### Reason:

The airworthiness limitations are currently defined and published in the Airbus A330 and A340 Airworthiness Limitations Section (ALS) documents.

The airworthiness limitations applicable to the Damage Tolerant Airworthiness Limitation Items (DT ALI), which are approved by EASA, are specified in Airbus A330 and A340 ALS Part 2. Failure to comply with these instructions could result in an unsafe condition.



EASA issued AD 2012-0211 (for A330 aeroplanes) and AD 2013-0127 (for A340 aeroplanes) to require the actions as specified in Airbus A330 and A340 ALS Part 2 at original issue and Revision 01, respectively.

Since those ADs were issued, Airbus issued Revision 01 and Revision 02, respectively, of Airbus A330 and A340 ALS Part 2, to introduce more restrictive maintenance requirements and/or airworthiness limitations.

For the reason described above, this AD retains the requirements of EASA AD 2012-0211 and AD 2013-0127, which are superseded, and requires accomplishment of the actions specified in Airbus A330 ALS Part 2 Revision 01 including Variation 1.1 and Variation 1.2, or A340 ALS Part 2 Revision 02 including Variation 2.1 and Variation 2.2, as applicable (hereafter collectively referred to as 'the applicable ALS' in this AD).

In addition, this AD also supersedes DGAC France AD 2001-126(B), whose requirements applicable to A330 aeroplanes have been transferred into Airbus A330 ALS Part 2, and supersedes DGAC France AD 2001-124(B), EASA AD 2012-0031 and AD 2012-0167, whose requirements applicable to A340 aeroplanes have been transferred into Airbus A340 ALS Part 2.

This AD is revised to remove from its Applicability A330 aeroplanes as EASA AD 2018-0068 has been published for these aeroplanes, following the issuance of Airbus A330 ALS Part 2, Revision 02.

#### Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

- (1) From 10 August 2016 [the effective date of this AD at original issue], accomplish all applicable maintenance tasks before exceeding the applicable thresholds and, thereafter, within the intervals (see Note 1 of this AD), as specified in the applicable ALS.

Note 1: For the purpose of this AD, the thresholds and intervals as defined in the applicable ALS include compliance times in that document for certain tasks.

- (2) **Corrective Action(s):** In case of finding discrepancies during accomplishment of any task as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, before next flight, accomplish the applicable corrective action(s) in accordance with the applicable Airbus maintenance documentation. If a detected discrepancy cannot be corrected by using existing Airbus instructions, before next flight, contact Airbus for approved instructions and accomplish those instructions accordingly.
- (3) **Aircraft Maintenance Programme (AMP) Revision:** Within 12 months after 10 August 2016 [the effective date of this AD at original issue], revise the approved AMP, on the basis of which the operator or the owner ensures the continuing airworthiness of each operated aeroplane, by incorporating the limitations, maintenance tasks and associated thresholds and intervals described in the applicable ALS.
- (4) **Credit:** For an AMP that, on 10 August 2016 [the effective date of this AD at original issue], is already updated to incorporate the maintenance tasks as specified in Airbus A340 ALS Part 2



Revision 01, as previously required by AD 2013-0127, that action ensures (see Note 2 of this AD) the continued accomplishment of those tasks.

Consequently, for an aeroplane to which that AMP applies, it is acceptable to accomplish the new and/or more restrictive tasks, as defined in the applicable ALS, to comply with paragraph (1) of this AD.

For that AMP, it is acceptable to incorporate the new and more restrictive tasks, as defined in the applicable ALS, into the AMP to comply with paragraph (3) of this AD.

- (5) When the AMP of an aeroplane has been revised as required by paragraph (3) or (4) of this AD, as applicable, that action ensures (see Note 2 of this AD) continued accomplishment of the tasks as required by paragraphs (1) and (2) of this AD for that aeroplane. Consequently, after revising the AMP, as required by paragraph (3) or (4) of this AD, as applicable, it is not necessary that accomplishment of individual tasks is recorded for demonstration of AD compliance on a continued basis.

Note 2: For affected Airbus A340 aeroplanes registered in Europe, complying with the approved AMP as specified in paragraph (3) or (4) of this AD, as applicable, is required by Commission Regulation (EU) No [1321/2014](#), Part M.A.301, paragraph 3.

#### Ref. Publications:

Airbus A340 ALS Part 2 Revision 02, dated 18 September 2015, including Variation 2.1 dated 15 December 2015 and Variation 2.2 dated 27 May 2016.

The use of later approved variations or revisions of the above-mentioned document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.

#### Remarks:

1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD.
2. The original issue of this AD was posted on 18 February 2016 as PAD 16-042 for consultation until 15 April 2016 and republished on 22 June 2016 as PAD 16-042R1 for additional consultation until 06 July 2016. The Comment Response Documents can be found at <http://ad.easa.europa.eu>.
3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the EASA Safety Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: [ADs@easa.europa.eu](mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu).
4. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact: AIRBUS – Airworthiness Office – EIAL. E-mail: [airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com](mailto:airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com).

