

COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT

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Comment # 1

Ours aeroplanes on which the last inspection of the fuselage wing fittings and wing to fuselage fittings was performed by an Eddy Current inspection. but the new data modules (Document Number 01975 Chapter 53-00-01 and document Number 01975 Chapter 57-00-03) require to install the New Bushes § 3 D.

Do we need to replace these components and when?

EASA response:

Comment noted. Bushes are load introduction parts. Important are their surface treatment condition and installation tolerances. Typically, bushes are subject to wear and potential corrosion, therefore subject for change during inspections procedures. For bonded bushes with flanges (shoulders) it is standard practice to remove them for the NDT inspection of the backup structure. The comment does not disclose whether the bushes were removed for the inspection or not. Therefore, in case the bushes were not removed for inspection, the inspection should be repeated. In case the bushes were removed and reused based on their good condition, no action is required.

In the AD, paragraph (1) “One-Time Eddy Current Inspection” has been amended to clarify this point.

