



Airworthiness Directive

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Note: This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 on behalf of the European Union, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 129 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, or Annex Vb Part ML.A.301, as applicable, 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 Annex Vb Part ML.A.303, as applicable] or agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry [Regulation (EU) 2018/1139, Article 71 exemption].

Design Approval Holder's Name:

AIRBUS S.A.S.

Type/Model designation(s):

A319, A320 and A321 aeroplanes

Effective Date: 29 April 2026

TCDS Number(s): EASA.A.064

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: None

ATA 55 – Stabilizers – Rudder Overweight Detection – Inspection

Manufacturer(s):

Airbus formerly Airbus Industrie

Applicability:

Airbus A319-111, A319-112, A319-113, A319-114, A319-115, A319-131, A319-132, A319-133, A319-151N, A319-153N, A319-171N, A319-173N, A320-211, A320-212, A320-214, A320-215, A320-216, A320-231, A320-232, A320-233, A320-251N, A320-252N, A320-253N, A320-271N, A320-272N, A320-273N, A321-111, A321-112, A321-131, A321-211, A321-212, A321-213, A321-231, A321-232, A321-251N, A321-251NX, A321-252N, A321-252NX, A321-253N, A321-253NX, A321-271N, A321-271NX, A321-272N and A321-272NX aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers (MSN).

Definitions:

For the purpose of this AD, the following definitions apply:

The AOT: Airbus Alert Operators Transmission (AOT) A55N004-25.

Reason:

Recent aeroelastic stability assessments conducted on the A320 family fleet indicated that reduced stability margins may exist due to accumulation of additional mass from rudder repainting or repairs done during in service operation.



This condition, if not detected and corrected, could, in combination with a rudder actuator disconnection, result in potential risk of flutter, possibly leading to reduced control of the aeroplane.

To address this potential unsafe condition, Airbus issued the AOT providing additional instructions to identify the source of reported airframe vibrations and for applicable corrective actions.

For the reason described above this AD requires the applicable inspection(s) and corrective action(s) of the rudder after airframe vibration events.

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

Required as indicated by this AD, unless the action(s) required by this AD have been already accomplished:

Note 1: An aeroplane which, during the airframe vibration event referenced in paragraph (1) of this AD, is equipped with a rudder in post Airbus modification 156859 configuration, is not affected by the requirements of paragraphs (1) to (3) of this AD. The AOT provides instructions to determine the rudder configuration.

Inspection(s) / Corrective Action(s):

- (1) From the effective date of this AD, within 20 flight cycles after an airframe vibration event reported by the flight crew through a Vibration Reporting Sheet (VRS) or equivalent document containing the same data (see Note 1 of this AD), accomplish the 'Airframe Vibration Troubleshooting' in accordance with the instructions of (section 5.4.1. of) the AOT.
- (2) If, during the 'Airframe Vibration Troubleshooting', as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, it is determined that additional actions must be accomplished in accordance with the instructions of the AOT, within the compliance time(s) specified in the AOT, accomplish those actions in accordance with the instructions of the AOT, as applicable.
- (3) Where the AOT, as referenced in paragraph (2) of this AD, provides instructions to contact Airbus, this AD requires to contact Airbus for applicable instructions within the compliance time identified in the AOT and, within the compliance time specified in those instructions, to accomplish those instructions accordingly.

Ref. Publications:

Airbus AOT A55N004-25 at original issue, dated 03 March 2026.

The use of later approved 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. Based on the required actions and the compliance time, EASA have decided to issue a Final AD with Request for Comments, postponing the public consultation process until after publication.



All interested persons may send their comments, referencing the AD Number, to the E-mail address specified in below Remark 3, prior to 20 May 2026. Only if any comment is received during the consultation period, a Comment Response Document will be published in the [EASA Safety Publications Tool](#), in a compressed ('zipped') file, attached to the record for this AD.

3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the EASA Safety Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu.
4. Information about any failures, malfunctions, defects or other occurrences, which may be similar to the unsafe condition addressed by this AD, and which may occur, or have occurred on a product, part or appliance not affected by this AD, can be reported to the [EU aviation safety reporting system](#). This may include reporting on the same or similar components, other than those covered by the design to which this AD applies, if the same unsafe condition can exist or may develop on an aircraft with those components installed. Such components may be installed under an FAA Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA), Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) or other modification.
5. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact: AIRBUS – Airworthiness Office – 1IASA; E-mail: account.airworth-eas@airbus.com .

