



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):

A330 and A340 aeroplanes

Effective Date: 15 October 2025

TCDS Number(s): EASA.A.004, EASA.A.015

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: This AD supersedes EASA AD 2022-0179 dated 26 August 2022.

ATA 25 – Equipment / Furnishings – Doghouse Placard – Replacement

Manufacturer(s):

Airbus, formerly Airbus Industrie

Applicability:

Airbus A330-201, A330-202, A330-203, A330-223, A330-243, A330-301, A330-302, A330-303, A330-321, A330-322, A330-323, A330-341, A330-342, A330-343, A330-841 and A330-941 aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers (MSN); and

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

Definitions:

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

The SB: Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A330-25-3776, SB A340-25-4382 and SB A340-25-5244, as applicable.

The VSB1: Bucher Vendor SB (VSB) 204XXX0-25-002 and Diehl VSB A4-252-25-012, both at original issue, as applicable.

The VSB2: Diehl VSB A4-252-25-012 Revision 01.



The VSB3: Diehl VSB A4-252-25-012 Revision 02.

Affected part batch 1: Doghouses installed in the passenger cabin, as identified in the VSB1, except those modified in accordance with the instructions of the SB, the VSB1, the VSB2 or the VSB3, as applicable.

Affected part batch 2: Doghouses installed in the passenger cabin, as identified in the VSB2, except those modified in accordance with the instructions of the SB, the VSB1, the VSB2 or the VSB3, as applicable, and except those which are affected part batch 1.

Affected part batch 3: Doghouses installed in the passenger cabin, having part number (P/N) 113426A, P/N 113428, P/N 113447 or P/N 113449, except those modified in accordance with the instructions of the SB or the VSB3.

Groups: Group 1 aeroplanes are those that have an affected part batch 1 installed.

Group 2 aeroplanes are those that have an affected part batch 2 installed.

Group 3 aeroplanes are those that have an affected part batch 3 installed.

Group 4 aeroplanes are those that do not have any affected part (none of batch 1, batch 2 or batch 3) installed.

Reason:

The door lock handling instruction of the affected part, which contains emergency equipment intended to minimise the effects of survivable accidents, is shown on a placard installed on the door close to the door lock. The current instruction given on this placard is unclear and incomplete, and could lead to incorrect operation of the doghouse door lock.

This condition, if not corrected, could lead to failure of the latch, blocking the door in the closed position and preventing access to the emergency equipment located inside of the affected part, possibly resulting in injury to aeroplane occupants.

To address this potential unsafe condition, correct handling instructions were developed, and Airbus published the SB, to provide instructions for in-service placard replacement. Consequently, EASA issued AD 2021-0136, requiring installation of placards with improved handling instructions on each affected part batch 1, and prohibiting installation of an affected part batch 1 on any aeroplane.

After that AD was issued, it has been determined that additional parts have to be modified. Diehl issued the VSB2, Airbus revised the SB accordingly, and EASA issued AD 2022-0179, retaining the requirements of EASA AD 2021-0136, which was superseded, and expanding the list of affected parts to include affected part batch 2.

Since that AD was issued, it has been determined that additional parts have to be modified. Diehl issued the VSB3, and Airbus revised the SB accordingly.

For the reason described above, this AD retains the requirements of EASA AD 2022-0179, which is superseded, and expands the list of affected parts to include affected part batch 3.



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:

Placard Installation:

- (1) For Group 1 aeroplanes: Within 12 months after 18 June 2021 [the effective date of EASA AD 2021-0136], remove the placard and install a placard with improved handling instructions on each affected part batch 1 in accordance with the instructions of the SB.
- (2) For Group 2 aeroplanes: Within 6 months after 09 September 2022 [the effective date of EASA AD 2022-0179], remove the placard and install a placard with improved handling instructions on each affected part batch 2 in accordance with the instructions of the SB.
- (3) For Group 3 aeroplanes: Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, remove the placard and install a placard with improved handling instructions on each affected part batch 3 in accordance with the instructions of the SB.

Part(s) Installation:

- (4) Do not install an affected part (batch 1, batch 2 or batch 3) on any aeroplane, as required by paragraph (4.1) or (4.2) of this AD, as applicable.
 - (4.1) For Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3 aeroplanes: After modification of the aeroplane as required by paragraph (1), (2) or (3) of this AD, as applicable.
 - (4.2) For Group 4 aeroplanes: From the effective date of this AD.

Ref. Publications:

Airbus SB A330-25-3776 original issue dated 03 March 2021, Revision 01 dated 31 March 2022 and Revision 02 dated 06 March 2025.

Airbus SB A340-25-4382 original issue dated 04 March 2021.

Airbus SB A340-25-5244 original issue dated 04 March 2021.

Bucher VSB 204XXX0-25-002 original issue dated 27 January 2021 and Revision 01 dated 08 June 2021.

Diehl VSB A4-252-25-012 original issue dated 25 February 2021, Revision 01 dated 01 April 2022 and Revision 02 dated 18 February 2025.

The use of later approved revisions of the above-mentioned documents 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. This AD was posted on 11 August 2025 as PAD 25-126 for consultation until 08 September 2025. No comments were received during the consultation period.
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 – 1IAL (Airworthiness Office), E-mail: airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com.

