

EASA	COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT
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With respect to PAD 14-106 Required Actions and Compliance Time(s) paragraph (3): Please provide a grace period after effective date of the AD to accomplish repetitive inspections and corrective actions in accordance with the instructions of Airbus SB A380-57-8041.

Operators may have an inspection, within 200 flight cycles from last inspection, but due again very soon or immediately after the AD effective date.

Without a grace period operators will not be able to change all the documentation requiring inspection and applicable corrective actions from AOT A380-57A8038 to "In accordance with SB A380-57-8041".

British Airways have inspections due in July, August, September and October and are already working on changing the documentation to "In accordance with SB A380-57-8041" but require a grace period to comply, should the AD effective date be before October.

EASA response:

Airbus SB A380-57-8041 retains the instructions of Airbus AOT A380-57A8038 and that inspections and corrective actions, accomplished before the effective date of the final AD in accordance with the instructions of Airbus AOT A380-57A8038 are acceptable to comply with the initial and repetitive requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) of the final AD. Once final AD will be issued, as the effective date is 14 days after the date of issuance, it is considered that such timeframe provides necessary time to align the documentation with the final AD reference publication(s).