

EASA	NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE AN AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE
	PAD No.: 15-070 Date: 28 May 2015 Note: This Proposed Airworthiness Directive (PAD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 on behalf of the European Community, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 66 of that Regulation.
In accordance with the EASA Continuing Airworthiness Procedures, the Executive Director is proposing the issuance of an EASA Airworthiness Directive (AD), applicable to the aeronautical product(s) identified below. All interested persons may send their comments, referencing the PAD Number above, to the e-mail address specified in the 'Remarks' section, prior to the consultation closing date indicated.	
Design Approval Holder's Name: AIRBUS HELICOPTERS	Type/Model designation(s): AS 350 and EC 130 helicopters
TCDS Number:	EASA.R.008
Foreign AD:	Not applicable
Supersedure:	This AD supersedes EASA AD 2013-0088 dated 10 April 2013.
ATA 05	Time Limits / Maintenance Checks – Airworthiness Limitations / Maintenance Requirements – Implementation
Manufacturer(s):	Airbus Helicopters, (formerly Eurocopter, Eurocopter France, Aerospatiale)
Applicability:	AS 350 B, AS 350 BA, AS 350 BB, AS 350 D, AS 350 B1, AS 350 B2, AS 350 B3, EC 130 T2 and EC 130 B4 helicopters, all serial numbers.
Reason:	The airworthiness limitations for the Airbus Helicopters AS350/EC130 type design are currently defined and published in "Chapter 4 – Airworthiness Limitations Section" (ALS) documents. The revision status for those ALS documents, as applicable to each Model at the time of issuance of this AD, is shown in Table 1 of this AD (hereafter referred to as 'the ALS' in this AD). The instructions contained in the ALS have been identified as mandatory actions for continued airworthiness. Failure to comply with these instructions could result in an unsafe condition. For previous ALS revisions, EASA issued AD 2013-0088 to require implementation of the actions in the applicable ALS documents. Since that was issued, new or more restrictive maintenance requirements and/or airworthiness limitations have been introduced into the ALS. For the reasons described above, this AD retains the requirements of EASA AD 2013-0088, which is superseded, and requires the implementation of the new or more restrictive maintenance instructions and/or airworthiness limitations as specified in the applicable ALS.
Effective Date:	[TBD: 14 days after final AD issue date]

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

Required as indicated, unless previously accomplished:

- (1) From the effective date of this AD, accomplish the following actions, as specified in the Airbus Helicopters ALS, as listed in Table 1 below, as applicable to helicopter Model.
 - (1.1) Replace each component before exceeding the applicable life limit, and
 - (1.2) Within the thresholds and intervals, accomplish all applicable maintenance tasks.

Table 1 – Applicable ALS

Model	Current ALS	Previous ALS (AD 2013-0088)
AS 350 B	Revision 002	Revision 001
AS 350 BA	Revision 002	Revision 001
AS 350 BB	Revision 002	Revision 001
AS 350 D	Revision 002	Revision 001
AS 350 B1	Revision 002	Revision 001
AS 350 B2	Revision 005	Revision 003
AS 350 B3	Revision 005	Revision 004
EC 130 B4	Revision 004	Revision 003
EC 130 T2	Revision 002	Not applicable

- (2) In case of finding discrepancies during accomplishment of any task as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, within the applicable compliance time specified in the ALS's listed in paragraph (1) of this AD, accomplish the applicable maintenance procedures for corrective actions in accordance with the approved maintenance documentation.

If no compliance time is identified in the ALS's listed in paragraph (1) of this AD, accomplish the applicable corrective actions before next flight.

If a detected discrepancy is not identified in the ALS's listed in paragraph (1) of this AD, before next flight, contact Airbus Helicopters for approved instructions and accomplish those instructions accordingly.

- (3) Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, revise the approved aircraft maintenance programme (AMP), on the basis of which the operator or the owner ensures the continuing airworthiness of each operated helicopter, by incorporating the limitations, tasks and associated thresholds and intervals described in the ALS.
- (4) For an AMP that, on the effective date of this AD, is already updated to incorporate the maintenance tasks and life limitations as specified in the previous ALS revision, as required by EASA AD 2013-0088 (as specified in Table 1 of this AD), it is acceptable to incorporate the new and more restrictive tasks and limitations, as introduced into the ALS since that previous revision, into the AMP to comply with paragraph (3) of this AD.
- (5) When the AMP of a helicopter has been revised as required by paragraph (3) or (4) of this AD, as applicable, that action ensures (see Note) continued accomplishment of the tasks as required by paragraphs (1) and (2) of this AD for that helicopter. 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: For affected helicopters registered in Europe, complying with the approved AMP as specified in paragraph (3) of this AD is required by Commission Regulation (EU) No 1321/2013 , Part M.A.301, paragraph 3.
Ref. Publications:	Airbus Helicopters AS 350 B ALS Revision 002 dated 06 February 2014. Airbus Helicopters AS 350 BA ALS Revision 002 dated 06 February 2014. Airbus Helicopters AS 350 BB ALS Revision 002 dated 06 February 2014. Airbus Helicopters AS 350 D ALS Revision 002 dated 06 February 2014. Airbus Helicopters AS 350 B1 ALS Revision 002 dated 06 February 2014. Airbus Helicopters AS 350 B2 ALS Revision 005 dated 29 May 2014. Airbus Helicopters AS 350 B3 ALS Revision 005 dated 29 May 2014. Airbus Helicopters EC 130 B4 ALS Revision 004 dated 29 May 2014. Airbus Helicopters EC 130 T2 ALS Revision 002 dated 18 May 2015.
Remarks:	1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 25 June 2015. 2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the Safety Information Section, Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu. 3. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this PAD, please contact: Airbus Helicopters (EBSESB) – Aéroport de Marseille Provence 13725 Marignane Cedex, France Telephone +33 (4) 12 85 97 97; Fax +33 (4) 85 99 66 E-mail: Directive.technical-support@airbus.com.