



Notification of a proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 16-038

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Note: This Proposed Airworthiness Directive (PAD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) 216/2008 on behalf of the European Union, 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 date indicated.

Design Approval Holder's Name:

TURBOMECA

Type/Model designation(s):

ARRIEL 1 engines

Effective Date: [TBD - standard: 14 days after AD issue date]

TCDS Number(s): EASA.E.073

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: None

ATA 72 – Engine – Gas Generator (Module 03) / Centrifugal Impeller – Replacement

Manufacturer(s):

Turbomeca

Applicability:

ARRIEL 1A1, 1A2, 1B, 1C, 1C1, 1C2, 1D, 1D1, 1E2, 1K1, 1S and 1S1 engines, all serial numbers (s/n).

These engines are known to be installed on, but not limited to, Airbus Helicopters (formerly Eurocopter, Eurocopter France, Aerospatiale, Sud Aviation) AS 350 B, B1 and B2, and SA 365 N helicopters, Airbus Helicopters Deutschland (formerly Eurocopter Deutschland) MBB-BK 117 C2 helicopters, Sikorsky S-76C helicopters, and AgustaWestland (formerly Agusta S.p.A) A109K2 helicopters.

Reason:

Turbomeca reported an anomaly that was generated during the grinding operation associated to the application of modification TU376, which increases the clearance between the rear curvic coupling of the centrifugal impeller and the fuel injection manifold.



This condition, if not corrected, could lead to crack initiation and propagation in the centrifugal impeller bore area, possibly resulting in centrifugal impeller failure, with consequent damage to, and reduced control of, the helicopter.

To address this potential unsafe condition, the life of the affected centrifugal impellers was reduced and Turbomeca published Mandatory Service Bulletin (MSB) 292 72 0848 to inform operators about the life reduction and to provide instructions for the replacement of the affected centrifugal impellers.

For the reasons described above, this AD requires replacement of each affected centrifugal impeller before it exceeds the applicable reduced life limit.

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

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

Note 1: For the purpose of this AD, an affected centrifugal impeller has a Part Number (P/N) and a s/n as specified in Appendix 1 of this AD.

- (1) For engines equipped with a Module 03 having an affected centrifugal impeller installed, before the centrifugal impeller exceeds the applicable reduced life limit specified in Appendix 1 of this AD, as applicable, replace the Module 03 with a serviceable Module 03 (see Note 2 of this AD) in accordance with the instructions of Turbomeca MSB 292 72 0848.

Note 2: For the purpose of this AD, a serviceable Module 03 is either a Module 03 equipped with an affected centrifugal impeller, which has not exceeded the applicable reduced life limit specified in Appendix 1 of this AD, or a Module 03 equipped with a non-affected centrifugal impeller.

- (2) From the effective date of this AD, it is allowed to install on any engine a Module 03, provided this is a serviceable Module 03 as defined in Note 2 of this AD.

Ref. Publications:

Turbomeca MSB 292 72 0848 version A dated 07 March 2016.

The use of later approved revisions of this document is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.

Remarks:

1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 11 April 2016.
2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the EASA Safety Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu.
3. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this PAD, please contact: Turboméca, ARRIEL 1 Customer Support, 40220 Tarnos, France
Fax: +33 5 59 74 45 15, or contact your usual or nearest Turbomeca technical representative at www.turbomeca-support.com



Appendix 1

Note 3: Turbomeca MSB 292 72 0848 provides a list of Module 03 on which an affected centrifugal impeller is known to have been installed. This list can be used to identify the P/N and s/n of the affected Module 03, provided the affected centrifugal impeller has not been replaced with a non-affected part in that Module 03.

Affected Centrifugal Impeller		Applicable reduced life limit (cycles since new)
P/N	s/n	
0292254040	44	4 600
0292254040	1762FT	11 476
729225293A	290CAR	6 326
729225293A	1227FT	8 139
729225293A	504FB	4 600
0292254050	1676CAR	6 281
729225293A	2517OTT	9 732
729225293A	2165OTT	6 163
0292254050	5333OTT	5 495
0292254050	5017OTT	5 491
0292254050	1136CAR	8 734
0292254050	3655OTT	12 901
0292254050	1757CAR	7 913
0292254050	1738CAR	10 640
0292254050	1149CAR	12 273
729225293A	2194FT	11 461
729225293A	1331OTT	12 513
0292254050	2677OTT	11 145
0292254050	3109OTT	10 662
0292254050	3496OTT	5 562
0292254050	2074CAR	7 423
729225293A	1301FT	7 262
729225293A	1567FT	6 305
729225293A	783FB	8 307
729225293A	98OTT	9 492

