



Notification of a proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 16-063

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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:

AIRBUS

Type/Model designation(s):

A350 aeroplanes

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

TCDS Number(s): EASA.A.151

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: None

ATA 05 – Time Limits / Maintenance Checks – Certification Maintenance Requirements - ALS Part 3 – Amendment

Manufacturer(s):

Airbus

Applicability:

Airbus A350-941 aeroplanes, all serial numbers.

Reason:

The Certification Maintenance Requirements (CMR) for the Airbus A350, which are approved by EASA, are currently defined and published in the Airbus A350 Airworthiness Limitations Section (ALS) document(s). These instructions have been identified as mandatory for continued airworthiness.

Failure to accomplish these instructions could result in an unsafe condition.

The revision 02 of A350 ALS Part 3 includes new and/or more restrictive requirements.



For the reason described above, this AD requires accomplishment of the actions specified in Airbus A350 ALS Part 3 Revision 02 (hereafter referred to as 'the ALS' in this AD).

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

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

- (1) From the effective date of this AD, accomplish all applicable maintenance tasks before exceeding the thresholds and, thereafter, within the intervals (see Note 1 of this AD), as specified in the ALS.

Note 1: For the purpose of this AD, the thresholds and intervals as defined in the ALS include the compliance times as defined in that document for certain tasks.

- (2) **Corrective Action(s):** In case of finding discrepancies during accomplishment of any task as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, before next flight, accomplish the applicable corrective action(s) in accordance with the applicable Airbus maintenance documentation. If a detected discrepancy cannot be corrected by using existing Airbus instructions, before next flight, contact Airbus for approved instructions and accomplish those instructions accordingly.
- (3) **Aircraft Maintenance Programme (AMP) Revision:** Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, revise the approved AMP, on the basis of which the operator or the owner ensures the continuing airworthiness of each operated aeroplane, by incorporating the maintenance tasks and associated thresholds and intervals described in the ALS.
- (4) **Credit:** For an AMP that, on the effective date of this AD, is already updated to incorporate the maintenance tasks as specified in Airbus A350 ALS Part 3 Revision 01, that action ensures the continued accomplishment of those tasks (see Note 2 of this AD).

Consequently, for an aeroplane to which that AMP applies, it is acceptable to accomplish the new and more restrictive tasks, as defined in and within the compliance times (see Note 1 of this AD) as specified in the ALS to comply with paragraph (1) of this AD.

For that AMP, it is acceptable to incorporate the new and more restrictive tasks, as defined in the ALS to comply with paragraph (3) of this AD.

- (5) **Recording AD compliance:** When the AMP of an aeroplane has been revised as required by paragraph (3) or (4) of this AD, as applicable, that action ensures (see Note 2 of this AD) continued accomplishment of the tasks as required by paragraphs (1) and (2) of this AD for that aeroplane. 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 action is recorded for demonstration of AD compliance on a continued basis.

Note 2: For affected A350 aeroplanes registered in Europe, complying with the approved AMP, as specified in paragraph (3) or (4) of this AD, as applicable, is required by Commission Regulation (EU) No [1321/2014](#), Part M.A.301, paragraph 3.



Ref. Publications:

Airbus A350 ALS Part 3 Revision 02, issued on 08 January 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 06 June 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: continued-airworthiness.a350@airbus.com.

