



Notification of a proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 16-138

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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):

A380 aeroplanes

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

TCDS Number(s): EASA.A.110

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: This AD supersedes EASA AD 2016-0047 dated 09 March 2016.

ATA 05 – Time Limits / Maintenance Checks – Damage Tolerant Airworthiness Limitation Items – ALS Part 2 – Implementation

Manufacturer(s):

Airbus

Applicability:

Airbus A380-841, A380-842 and A380-861 aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers.

Reason:

The Damage Tolerant Airworthiness Limitation Items for the Airbus A380, which are approved by EASA, are currently defined and published in the Airbus A380 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.

Previously, EASA issued AD 2016-0047 to require accomplishment of the maintenance tasks as described in Airbus A380 ALS Part 2 Revision 05.



Since this AD was issued, Airbus issued ALS Part 2 variation 5.1, to introduce more restrictive maintenance requirements and/or airworthiness limitations.

For the reason described above, this AD retains the requirements of EASA AD 2016-0047, which is superseded, and requires accomplishment of the actions specified in Airbus A380 ALS Part 2 and its variation 5.1, (hereafter collectively referred to as 'the ALS' in this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, within the thresholds and intervals, as specified in the ALS (see Note 1 of this AD), accomplish all applicable maintenance tasks, as specified in the ALS, as applicable to aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration.

Note 1: For the purpose of this AD, the thresholds and intervals as defined in the 'Compliance Time' pages of the ALS include specific compliance times 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 tasks and associated thresholds and intervals described in the ALS, as applicable to aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration.
- (4) **Credit:** For an AMP that, on the effective date of this AD, is already updated to incorporate the maintenance tasks as specified in A380 ALS Part 2 Revision 5, that action ensures (see Note 2 of this AD) the continued accomplishment of those tasks.

Consequently, for an aeroplane to which that AMP applies, it is acceptable to accomplish the new and more restrictive tasks, as applicable to aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration, as defined in, and within the compliance times (see Note 1 of this AD) as specified in, Airbus A380 ALS Part 2 variation 5.1, to comply with paragraph (1) of this AD.

For that AMP, it is acceptable to incorporate the new and more restrictive tasks, as applicable to aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration, as defined in Airbus A380 ALS Part 2 variation 5.1, into the AMP 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 A380 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 A380 ALS Part 2 Rev. 05, issued on 17 December 2015.

Airbus A380 ALS Part 2 variation 5.1, issued on 25 February 2016.

The use of later approved variations or revisions of these documents is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.

Remarks:

1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 24 October 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: AIRBUS SAS - EIANA (Airworthiness Office), Telephone: +33 562 110 253; Fax: +33 562 110 307, E-mail: continued-airworthiness.a350@airbus.com.

