



Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 17-143

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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:

ATR–GIE AVIONS de TRANSPORT REGIONAL

Type/Model designation(s):

ATR 72 aeroplanes

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

TCDS Number(s): EASA.A.084

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: None

ATA 05 – Time Limits / Maintenance Checks – Certification Maintenance Requirements and Airworthiness Limitations – Amendments

Manufacturer(s):

ATR-GIE Avions de Transport Régional (formerly EADS ATR – Alenia, Aerospatiale ATR – ALENIA, Aerospatiale – Alenia, Aerospatiale – Aeritalia).

Applicability:

ATR 72-101, ATR 72-102, ATR 72-201, ATR 72-202, ATR 72-211, ATR 72-212 and ATR 72-212A aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers.

Reason:

The airworthiness limitations and certification maintenance requirements (CMR) for ATR aeroplanes, which are approved by EASA, are currently defined and published in the ATR 72-101/-102/-201/-202/-211/-212/-212A Time Limits (TL) document. These instructions have been identified as mandatory for continued airworthiness.

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



Consequently, ATR published Revision 15 of the ATR 72-101/-102/-201/-202/-211/-212/-212A TL document, which contains new and/or more restrictive CMRs and airworthiness limitations tasks. For the reasons described above, this AD requires accomplishment of the actions specified in the ATR72-101/-102/-201/-202/-211/-212/-212A TL document Revision 15, hereafter referred to as 'the TLD' in this AD.

This AD, in conjunction with two other ADs related to ATR42-200/-300/-320 and ATR42-400/-500 aeroplanes, retains the requirements of EASA AD 2009-0242 and EASA AD 2012-0193. EASA plans, when all three new ADs are effective, to cancel EASA AD 2009-0242 and EASA AD 2012-0193.

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

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

Replacement of Life Limited Parts and Repetitive Maintenance Actions:

- (1) From the effective date of this AD, accomplish the actions as required by paragraph (1.1) and (1.2) of this AD, as specified in the TLD, as applicable to aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration.

(1.1) Replace each component before exceeding the applicable life limit.

(1.2) Except as specified in paragraph (2) of this AD, within the thresholds and intervals, accomplish all applicable maintenance tasks.

Allowed One-time Exceedance of Threshold / Interval:

- (2) For specific CMR tasks, as listed in Table 1 and Table 2 of this AD, a one-time exceedance (grace period) of the applicable threshold is allowed for those aeroplanes that are close to, or have exceeded the applicable threshold, as specified in the TLD.

Table 1 – Grace Period for SSI Task

AWL reference	Compliance Time
572402-1	Within 5 000 FH (Flight Hours) since last inspection accomplished through MRBR tasks ZL-520-01-1 and ZL-620-01-1

Table 2 – Grace Period for CMR Tasks

CMR/MSI task	Compliance Time
213100-1	Within 550 FH or 3 months, whichever occurs first after the effective date of this AD
213100-2	

Corrective Action(s):

- (3) In case of finding discrepancies during accomplishment of any task as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, before next flight, accomplish the applicable maintenance procedures for corrective action in accordance with the approved ATR maintenance documentation, or contact ATR for approved instructions and accomplish those instructions accordingly.



Aircraft Maintenance Programme (AMP) Revision:

- (4) 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 limitations, tasks and associated thresholds and intervals described in the TLD, as applicable to the aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration.

Credit:

- (5) For an AMP that, on the effective date of this AD, is already updated to incorporate the maintenance tasks and life limitation as specified in ATR72-101/-102/-201/-202/-211/-212/-212A TL document Revision 14, that action ensures (see Note 1 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 and limitations, as applicable to aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration, to comply with paragraph (1) of this AD.

For that AMP, it is acceptable to incorporate the new and more restrictive tasks and limitations, as applicable to aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration, as defined in the TLD, into the AMP to comply with paragraph (4) of this AD.

Recording AD compliance:

- (6) When the AMP of an aeroplane has been revised as required by paragraph (4) or (5) of this AD, as applicable, that action ensures (see Note 1 of this AD) continued accomplishment of the tasks as required by paragraph (1) and (3) of this AD for that aeroplane. Consequently, after revising the AMP, as required by paragraph (4) or (5) 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 1: For affected ATR 72 aeroplanes registered in Europe, complying with the approved AMP, as specified in paragraph (4) or (5) of this AD, as applicable, is required by Commission Regulation (EU) No [1321/2014](#), Part M.A.301, paragraph 3.

Ref. Publications:

ATR 72-101/-102/-201/-202/-211/-212/-212A Time Limits Document Revision 15, issued on 29 September 2017.

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 November 2017.
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: ATR – GIE Avions de Transport Régional, Continued Airworthiness Service, Telephone: +33 (0)5 62 21 62 21, Fax: +33 (0) 5 62 21 67 18, E-mail: continued.airworthiness@atr-aircraft.com.

