



## COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT

EASA PAD No. 18-005

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### Comment # 1

Cathay Pacific have reviewed PAD 18-005 and we have the following comments:

1. Please clarify if the PAD's ATA should be "55" instead of "53" for consistency, since the area is on the vertical tail plane and the relevant SB is also ATA 55 (SB A350-55-P002)?
2. Paragraphs (1) and (2) is not consistent with the SB modification items and might cause confusion in terms of compliance. Can these paragraphs be aligned with the SB? See below:

PAD 18-005 says:

- (1) Apply sealant and protective treatment at tension bolt heads and at the barrel nut cavities, on Left Hand (LH) and Right Hand (RH) side.
- (2) Install shouldered caps in the inner hole of the root joint fittings, on LH and RH side.

SB A350-55-P002 says:

**\*\*CONF 001**

- (1) Apply Sealant and Protective Treatment on Tension Bolts, Left Hand (LH) and Right Hand (RH) side
- (2) Replace the Barrel Nut Plate(s) with Shouldered Cap(s) in the Inner Hole of the Root Joint Fitting and Apply Overlapping Sealant, LH and RH side
- (3) Apply Sealant and Protective Treatment on Barrel Nut Holes, LH and RH side

**\*\*CONF 002**

- (1) Apply Sealant and Protective Treatment on Tension Bolts, Left Hand (LH) and Right Hand (RH) side
- (2) Install Shouldered Cap(s) in the Inner Hole of the Root Joint Fitting and Apply Overlapping Sealant, LH and RH side
- (3) Apply Sealant and Protective Treatment on Barrel Nut Holes, LH and RH side

### EASA response:

- 1. Comment agreed: The SB is classified in ATA 55 as only one ATA can be chosen in the reference on an SB. However, as the tension bolts are at the junction between fuselage and VTP, the AD will be classified ATA 53 and 55.**

***"ATA 53, 55 – Fuselage / Stabilizers – Vertical Stabilizer Tension Bolts – Modification"***



**2. Comment agreed: to align AD and SB wording, the AD wording will become:**

***(1) Apply sealant and protective treatment at tension bolt heads, on Left Hand (LH) and Right Hand (RH) side.***

***(2) Remove the barrel nut plate(s) (if installed) and install shouldered cap(s) in the inner hole of the root joint fitting and apply overlapping sealant, on LH and RH side.***

***(3) Apply sealant and protective treatment on barrel nut holes, on LH and RH side.***

***We have amended the Final AD accordingly.***

