



Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

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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 HELICOPTERS

Type/Model designation(s):

EC 225 helicopters

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

TCDS Number(s): EASA.R.002

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: None

ATA 21 – Air Conditioning – Clearance between Air Conditioning Unit and Landing Light Connectors – Measurement

Manufacturer(s):

Airbus Helicopters (AH), formerly Eurocopter, Eurocopter France, Aerospatiale.

Applicability:

EC 225 LP helicopters, all manufacturer serial numbers, if equipped in the Right-Hand (RH) side stub wing with an air conditioning unit, having a high-pressure module with Manufacturer Part Number (MP/N) S1040 (AH Part Number (P/N) 704A42110153), or MP/N EM765 (AH P/N 704A42110162), and equipped with a light unit MP/N 4307405 (AH P/N 704A46820034).

Definitions:

For the purpose of this AD, the following definitions apply:

The ASB: AH Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) EC225-21A046.

Reason:

During maintenance operations on an EC 225 LP helicopter, interference was detected between the elbow backshells of the landing light connectors and the air conditioning unit installed in the RH side stub wing.



This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to damage of the air conditioning unit, which, in combination with fuel leak from the RH side auxiliary fuel tank, would create a risk of ignition of the fuel vapour in the RH side stub wing area, possibly resulting in a non-detectable fire.

To address this potential unsafe condition, AH issued the ASB to provide inspection instructions.

For the reason described above, this AD requires a one-time measurement of the clearance between the air conditioning unit and the elbow backshells of the landing light connectors installed in the RH side stub wing and, if the clearance is found to be insufficient, to accomplish repair instructions.

This AD is considered as an interim action and further AD action may follow.

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

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

Inspection(s):

- (1) Within 110 flight hours or 6 months, whichever occurs first after the effective date of this AD, measure the clearance between the air conditioning unit and the elbow backshells of the landing light connectors installed in the RH side stub wing in accordance with the instructions of paragraph 3.B.2 of the ASB.

Corrective Action(s):

- (2) If, during any inspection as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, clearance less than 4 mm (0.157 inches) is detected, before next flight, contact AH for approved repair instructions and accomplish those instructions accordingly.

Ref. Publications:

Airbus Helicopters ASB EC225-21A046 original issue dated 30 July 2018.

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

Remarks:

1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 10 September 2018.
2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the EASA Safety Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu.
3. Information about any failures, malfunctions, defects or other occurrences, which may be similar to the unsafe condition addressed by this PAD, and which may occur, or have occurred on a product, part or appliance not affected by this PAD, can be reported to the [EU aviation safety reporting system](#).
4. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this PAD, please contact: Airbus Helicopters (Technical Support), Aéroport de Marseille Provence 13725 Marignane Cedex, France, Telephone +33 (0)4 42 85 97 97, Fax +33 (0)4 42 85 99 66,



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