



# Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

**PAD No.: 19-220**

**Issued: 20 December 2019**

Note: This Proposed Airworthiness Directive (PAD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 on behalf of the European Union, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 129 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:** None

## ATA 52 – Doors – Passenger Door Triple Reed Contact Switches – Inspection

**Manufacturer(s):**

Airbus

**Applicability:**

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

**Definitions:**

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

**The SB:** Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A380-52-8227.

**Affected Part:** Triple reed contact switches (TRCS), having Part Number (P/N) 1940420026, installed on each passenger door.

**Reason:**

The TRCS monitors the movement of the inner handle of each door. Following outside push button redesign to solve a water ingress issue, Airbus investigated and identified that corrosion might develop on the TRCS interface connection. Results of further investigation have shown that the cause of corrosion may be a lack of sufficient protection of the housing and the material used for the connector shell.



This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to failure of the door to perform its intended function, possibly resulting in reduced evacuation capacity from the aeroplane during an emergency and consequent injury to occupants.

To address this potential unsafe condition, Airbus issued the SB to provide inspection instructions for the affected parts.

For the reasons described above, this AD requires repetitive inspections (wake-up tests) of the affected parts and, depending on findings, accomplishment of applicable corrective action(s).

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

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

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

#### **Inspection:**

- (1) Before exceeding 26 000 flight hours (FH) since first installation of the affected part on an aeroplane, or within 2 000 FH after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, and, thereafter, at intervals not to exceed 2 000 FH, inspect (wake-up test) the affected part in accordance with the instructions of the SB.

#### **Corrective Action(s):**

- (2) If, during any inspection as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, an affected part fails the wake-up test, before next flight, accomplish the applicable corrective action(s) for that affected part in accordance with the instructions of the SB.

#### **Terminating Action(s):**

- (3) None.

#### **Ref. Publications:**

Airbus SB A380-52-8227 original issue dated 16 December 2019.

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 17 January 2020.
2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the EASA Programming and Continued Airworthiness Information Section, Certification Directorate. E-mail: [ADs@easa.europa.eu](mailto: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 – EIANA (Airworthiness Office), Telephone: +33 562 110 253, Fax: +33 562 110 307, E-mail: [account.airworth-A380@airbus.com](mailto:account.airworth-A380@airbus.com).

