



# Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

**PAD No.:** 20-121

**Issued:** 17 August 2020

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 05 – Time Limits / Maintenance Checks – Safe Life Airworthiness Limitations Items – ALS Part 1 – Amendment

**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 Variation:** Airbus A380 Airworthiness Limitations Section (ALS) Part 1 Variation 11.1.

**The AMP:** The approved Aircraft Maintenance Programme (AMP) on the basis of which the operator or the owner ensures the continuing airworthiness of each operated A380 aeroplane. For A380 aeroplanes operated under EU regulation, compliance with the approved AMP is required by Commission Regulation (EU) [1321/2014](#), Part M.A.301, paragraph 3.



**New and/or more restrictive limitations:** This includes all limitations that are new and all limitations for which a threshold was reduced, which were introduced through the Variation (as defined in this AD) since the previous ALS Revision that is currently incorporated in the AMP.

**Reason:**

The airworthiness limitations for the Airbus A380, which are approved by EASA, are currently defined and published in the Airbus A380 ALS document(s). These instructions have been identified as mandatory for continued airworthiness.

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

EASA previously issued AD 2019-0217, requiring the actions described in Airbus A380 ALS Part 1 Revision 11.

Since that AD was issued, Airbus published the Variation, as defined in this AD, which contains new and/or more restrictive limitations.

For the reason described above, this AD requires accomplishment of the actions specified in the Variation. EASA AD 2019-0217 is not superseded by this AD.

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

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

**Replacement of Life Limited Parts:**

- (1) From the effective date of this AD, replace each component before exceeding the applicable life limit, as specified in the Variation, as applicable to aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration.

Where this AD requires a task which is already required per EASA AD 2019-0217, the instructions of the Variation invalidate the instructions of Airbus A380 ALS Part 1 Revision 11.

**AMP Revision:**

- (2) Within 12 months after the effective date of this AD, revise the approved AMP by incorporating the limitations described in the Variation, as applicable to aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration.

**Recording AD compliance:**

- (3) When the AMP of an aeroplane has been revised as required by paragraph (2) of this AD, that action ensures continued accomplishment of the tasks as required by paragraph (1) of this AD for that aeroplane. Consequently, after revising the AMP, as required by paragraph (2) of this AD, it is not necessary that accomplishment of individual action is recorded for demonstration of AD compliance on a continued basis.

**Ref. Publications:**

Airbus A380 ALS Part 1, Variation 11.1, dated 20 July 2020.



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 14 September 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](#). This may include reporting on the same or similar components, other than those covered by the design to which this PAD applies, if the same unsafe condition can exist or may develop on an aircraft with those components installed. Such components may be installed under an FAA Parts Manufacturer Approval (PMA), Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) or other modification.
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).

