

## Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

**PAD No.:** 21-043

**Issued:** 17 March 2021

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):**

A318, A319, A320 and A321 aeroplanes

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

**TCDS Number(s):** EASA.A.064

**Foreign AD:** Not applicable

**Supersedure:** None

### ATA 05 – Time Limits / Maintenance Checks – Airworthiness Limitations Section Certification Maintenance Requirement – Amendment

**Manufacturer(s):**

Airbus, formerly Airbus Industrie

**Applicability:**

Airbus A318-111, A318-112, A318-121, A318-122, A319-111, A319-112, A319-113, A319-114, A319-115, A319-131, A319-132, A319-133, A319-151N, A319-153N, A320-211, A320-212, A320-214, A320-215, A320-216, A320-231, A320-232, A320-233, A320-251N, A320-252N, A320-253N, A320-271N, A320-272N, A320-273N, A321-111, A321-112, A321-131, A321-211, A321-212, A321-213, A321-231, A321-232, A321-251N, A321-251NX, A321-252N, A321-252NX, A321-253N, A321-253NX, A321-271N, A321-271NX, A321-272N and A321-272NX aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers.

**Definitions:**

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

**The Variation:** Airbus A318/A319/A320/A321 Airworthiness Limitations Section (ALS) Part 3 Variation 7.3.

**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 aeroplane. For affected 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 tasks:** This includes all tasks that are new and all tasks for which a threshold or interval 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 and/or certification maintenance instructions for the Airbus A318/A319/A320/A321 aeroplanes, which are approved by EASA, are currently defined and published in the Airbus A318/A319/A320/A321 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 2020-0067, requiring the actions described in Airbus A318/A319/A320/A321 ALS Part 3 Revision 07.

Since that AD was issued, Airbus published the Variation, as defined in this AD, which contains more restrictive certification maintenance requirements (CMR) tasks.

For the reason described above, this AD requires accomplishment of the actions specified in the Variation. EASA AD 2020-0067 is not superseded by this AD.

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

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

**Maintenance Tasks and Replacement of Life Limited Parts:**

- (1) From the effective date of this AD, within the thresholds and intervals as defined in the Variation (see Note 1 of this AD), accomplish the CMR tasks, 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 2020-0067, the instructions of the Variation invalidate the instructions of Airbus A318/A319/A320/A321 ALS Part 3 Revision 07 for that task.

Note 1: For the purpose of this AD, the thresholds and intervals as defined in the 'Compliance Time' pages of the Variation include specific compliance times for certain tasks.

**Corrective Action(s):**

- (2) In case of finding discrepancies during accomplishment of any task as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, before next flight, accomplish the applicable corrective action(s) in accordance with the applicable Airbus maintenance documentation. If a detected discrepancy cannot be corrected by using existing Airbus instructions, before next flight, contact Airbus for approved instructions and accomplish those instructions accordingly.



**AMP Revision:**

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

**Recording AD compliance:**

- (4) When the AMP of an aeroplane has been revised as required by paragraph (3) of this AD, that action ensures continued accomplishment of the tasks as required by paragraphs (1) and (2) of this AD for that aeroplane. Consequently, after revising the AMP, as required by paragraph (3) 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 A318/A319/A320/A321 ALS Part 3 Variation 7.3 original issue dated 09 December 2020.

The use of later approved revisions of the above-mentioned document, or of an ALS revision which includes the technical content of the Variation, is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.

**Remarks:**

1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 14 April 2021.
2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the EASA Safety 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 – Airworthiness Office – IIASA; E-mail: [account.airworth-eas@airbus.com](mailto:account.airworth-eas@airbus.com).

