



Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 21-151

Issued: 14 October 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):

A340 aeroplanes

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

TCDS Number(s): EASA.A.015

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: This AD supersedes EASA AD 2019-0050 dated 11 March 2019.

ATA 05 – Time Limits / Maintenance Checks – Airworthiness Limitations Section Part 3 – Certification Maintenance Requirements – Implementation

Manufacturer(s):

Airbus, formerly Airbus Industrie

Applicability:

Airbus A340-211, A340-212, A340-213, A340-311, A340-312, A340-313, A340-541, A340-542, A340-642 and A340-643 aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers.

Definitions:

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

The ALS: Airbus A340 Airworthiness Limitations Section (ALS) Part 3 Revision 05.

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 A340 aeroplanes operated under EU regulation, compliance with the approved AMP is required by Commission Regulation (EU) [1321/2014](#), Part M.A.301, paragraph (c).



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

Reason:

The airworthiness limitations for the Airbus A340 aeroplanes, which are approved by EASA, are currently defined and published in the A340 ALS document. These instructions have been identified as mandatory for continued airworthiness. The airworthiness limitations applicable to the Certification Maintenance Requirements are specified in ALS Part 3.

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

Previously, EASA issued AD 2019-0050 to require accomplishment of all maintenance tasks as described in ALS Part 3 at Revision 04.

Since that AD was issued, Airbus issued the ALS, containing new and/or more restrictive tasks.

For the reason described above, this AD retains the requirements of EASA AD 2019-0050, which is superseded, and requires accomplishment of the actions specified in the ALS.

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

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

Maintenance Tasks:

- (1) From the effective date of this AD, within the thresholds and intervals as defined in the ALS (see Note 1 of this AD), accomplish all maintenance tasks, as specified in the ALS, as applicable to aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration.

Note 1: For the purpose of this AD, the thresholds and intervals, as defined in the 'Compliance Time' pages of the ALS, 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 AMP by incorporating the tasks and associated thresholds and intervals described in the ALS, as applicable to aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration.



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- (4) For an AMP that, on the effective date of this AD, is already updated to incorporate the tasks as specified in a previous ALS Part 3 Revision, that action ensures the continued accomplishment of those tasks and limitations.

Consequently, for an aeroplane to which that AMP applies, it is acceptable to accomplish the new and more restrictive tasks as specified in the ALS, as applicable to aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration, within the compliance times (see Note 1 of this AD) as specified in the ALS to comply with paragraph (1) of this AD.

For that AMP, it is acceptable to incorporate the new and more restrictive tasks, as applicable to aeroplane model and depending on aeroplane configuration, as defined in the ALS, into the AMP to comply with paragraph (3) of this AD.

Recording AD Compliance:

- (5) When the AMP of an aeroplane has been revised as required by paragraph (3) or (4) of this AD, as applicable, 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) or (4) of this AD, as applicable, it is not necessary that accomplishment of individual action is recorded for demonstration of AD compliance on a continued basis.

Ref. Publications:

Airbus A340 ALS Part 3 Revision 05 dated 01 July 2021.

The use of later approved variations or 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 11 November 2021.
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](#). 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 – IIAL (Airworthiness Office), E-mail: airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com.

