



Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 22-179

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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 S.A.S.

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: None

ATA 05 – Time Limits / Maintenance Checks – Damage Tolerant Airworthiness Limitation Items – ALS Part 2 – Amendment

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 Variation: Airbus A340 Airworthiness Limitations Section (ALS) Part 2 Damage Tolerant Airworthiness Limitation Items (DT-ALI) – Variation 5.1.

The AMP: The Aircraft Maintenance Programme (AMP) contains the tasks on the basis of which the scheduled maintenance is conducted to ensure the continuing airworthiness of each operated aircraft. For aircraft operated under EU regulations, the operator or the owner ensures compliance with the AMP as stipulated in Commission Regulation (EU) [1321/2014](#).



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 into the Variation (as defined in this AD) since the previous ALS Revision that is currently incorporated in the AMP.

Reason:

The Damage Tolerant Airworthiness Limitation Items for the Airbus A340, which are approved by EASA, are currently defined and published in the Airbus A340 ALS Part 2 document. 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 2022-0188, requiring the actions described in Airbus A340 ALS Part 2 Revision 05.

Since that AD was issued, Airbus published the Variation, as defined in this AD, which contains new and/or more restrictive tasks and limitations. This Variation is expected to be incorporated into A340 ALS Part 2 at the next revision.

For the reason described above, this AD requires accomplishment of the actions specified in the Variation. EASA AD 2022-0188 is not superseded by this AD.

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 (see Note 1 of this AD), accomplish all applicable maintenance 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 2022-0188, the instructions of the Variation invalidate the instructions of Airbus A340 ALS Part 2 Revision 05.

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 AMP by incorporating the 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 A340 ALS Part 2 Damage Tolerant Airworthiness Limitation Items (DT-ALI) – Variation 5.1 dated 18 November 2022.

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

Remarks:

1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 17 January 2023.
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 – 1IAL (Airworthiness Office), E-mail: airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com.

