



## Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

**PAD No.:** 23-035

**Issued:** 16 March 2023

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):**

A350 aeroplanes

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

**TCDS Number(s):** EASA.A.151

**Foreign AD:** Not applicable

**Supersedure:** None

### ATA 25 – Equipment / Furnishings – Lavatory Floor Fittings – Inspection

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**Manufacturer(s):**

Airbus

**Applicability:**

Airbus A350-941 and A350-1041 aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers.

**Definitions:**

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

**The SB:** Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A350-25-P208.

**Affected part:** All lavatory floor fittings, at locations depending on aeroplane configuration.

**Aeroplane date of manufacture:** The date of transfer of title (ownership) of the aeroplane upon delivery by Airbus to the first operator, which is referenced in Airbus documentation.

**Reason:**

Occurrences have been reported of finding corrosion on lavatory floor fittings at various locations on A350 aeroplanes.



This condition, if not detected and corrected, could lead to lavatory module detachment, with consequent injury to cabin crew and/or passengers, and possibly resulting in reduced evacuation capacity from the aeroplane in case of an emergency.

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

For the reasons described above, this AD requires repetitive general visual inspections (GVI) of the affected parts and, depending on findings, accomplishment of applicable corrective action(s). This AD also requires reporting of the inspection results.

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

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

Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:

**Inspection(s):**

- (1) Within the compliance time specified in Table 1 of this AD, as applicable, and, thereafter, at intervals not to exceed 36 months, accomplish a GVI of each affected part in accordance with the instructions of the SB.

Table 1 – Initial Inspection of affected parts

Compliance Time (A, B or C, whichever occurs later)	
<b>A</b>	Before exceeding 36 months since aeroplane date of manufacture
<b>B</b>	Before exceeding 36 months since last accomplishment of Maintenance Review Board Report task 254000-00001-01M
<b>C</b>	Within 6 months after the effective date of this AD

**Corrective Action(s):**

- (2) If, during any GVI as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, any discrepancy, as defined in the SB, is detected, before next flight, accomplish the applicable corrective action(s) in accordance with the instructions of the SB.

**Terminating Action:**

- (3) None.

**Reporting:**

- (4) Within 30 days after each GVI as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, report the inspection results (including no findings) to Airbus.



**Ref. Publications:**

Airbus SB A350-25-P208 original issue dated 31 January 2023.

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 13 April 2023.
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 S.A.S. A350 XWB (1IAK), E-mail: [continued-airworthiness.a350@airbus.com](mailto:continued-airworthiness.a350@airbus.com).

