

COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT

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Comment # 1

This proposed AD about the Main Rotor Gearbox Engine coupling, in my opinion, doesn't require an AD issued. The ASB was sent out last week covering this issue. This issue is not a flight safety issue, but an assembly issue. An OEM safety information notice should have been adequate, as this is not a part failure or design flaw but someone not following the manual correctly.

The number of ADs against the AS 350 series lately seems a bit much, as most of them are not flight safety worthy. The OEM could have dealt with these through a SB or manual revision only.

EASA response:

Comment disagreed. The relevant evidence and risk assessment confirmed that this safety concern is an unsafe condition that warrants an AD action. No changes have been made to the Final AD in response to this comment.

