



Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 23-072

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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 HELICOPTERS

Type/Model designation(s):

AS 332 helicopters

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

TCDS Number(s): EASA.R.002

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: None

ATA 04 – Time Limits / Maintenance Checks – Airworthiness Limitations Section – Amendment

Manufacturer(s):

Airbus Helicopters (AH), formerly Eurocopter, Eurocopter France, Aerospatiale

Applicability:

AS 332 L helicopters, all manufacturer serial numbers.

Definitions:

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

The ALS: AH AS 332 L Airworthiness Limitations Section (ALS) issue date 2014.05.28 at Revision (Rev.) 009 (date code 2022.07.27).

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 helicopter. For helicopters 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 and limitations: This includes all tasks and limitations that are new and all tasks and limitations for which a threshold 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 and certification maintenance instructions for the AS 332 L helicopters, which are approved by EASA, are currently defined and published in the AS 332 L ALS 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 2010-0234 for all SA 330 / AS 332 / EC 225 helicopter models, requiring for AS 332 L helicopters accomplishment of the actions described in Eurocopter AS 332 L Master Servicing Manual (M.S.M.), Chapter 05.99 Airworthiness Limitations (AL), approved on 16 November 2009 as (normal) Rev. 009 (date code 2009.05.14).

Since that AD was issued, AH introduced a new concept for publication of AL (segregated from the M.S.M.) and issued the ALS, as defined in this AD, containing all service life limits and maintenance tasks for AS 332 L helicopters.

For the reason described above, this AD requires accomplishment of the actions specified in the ALS. Consequently, EASA AD 2010-0234 will be cancelled.

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, accomplish the following actions, as specified in the ALS, as applicable, depending on helicopter configuration:
 - (1.1) Replace each component before exceeding the applicable service life limit, and
 - (1.2) Within the thresholds and intervals, accomplish all applicable maintenance tasks.

Corrective Action(s):

- (2) In case of finding discrepancies during accomplishment of any task as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, within the compliance time specified in the ALS, accomplish the applicable corrective action(s) in accordance with the applicable AH maintenance documentation. If no compliance time is identified in the ALS, accomplish the applicable corrective action(s) before next flight. If a detected discrepancy cannot be corrected by using existing AH instructions, before next flight, contact AH 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 ALS, as applicable, depending on helicopter configuration.



Credit:

- (4) If, before the effective date of this AD, the AMP has been revised to incorporate the maintenance tasks and service life limitations as specified in a previous ALS revision, that action ensures the continued accomplishment of those tasks and limitations.

Consequently, for a helicopter to which that AMP applies, it is acceptable to accomplish the new and/or more restrictive tasks and limitations as specified in the ALS, as applicable, depending on helicopter configuration, within the compliance times as specified in the ALS, to comply with paragraph (1) of this AD.

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

Recording AD Compliance:

- (5) When the AMP of a helicopter 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 helicopter. 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:

AH AS 332 L ALS issue date 2014.05.28 at Rev. 009 (date code 2022.07.27).

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 July 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 Helicopters (Technical Support), Aéroport de Marseille Provence, 13725 Marignane Cedex, France, Airbus World: Technical Request Management: <https://airbusworld.helicopters.airbus.com>,



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