



Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 24-017

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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):

H160 B helicopters

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

TCDS Number(s): EASA.R.516

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: None

ATA 52 – Doors – Passenger Jettisonable Window Mechanism – Replacement

Manufacturer(s):

Airbus Helicopters (AH)

Applicability: AH H160 B helicopters, all serial numbers (s/n).

Definitions:

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

The ASB: AH Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) H160-52-20-0001, which refers to the vendor SB.

The vendor SB: Vision Systems Service Bulletin (SB) 02-050-015.

Affected passenger window: Any window, having a Part Number (p/n) as listed in the ASB and a s/n as listed in the Vendor SB; except those which have been modified in accordance with the instructions of the ASB.

Affected door: Doors that have an affected passenger window installed.



Serviceable window: Any window, eligible for installation, which is not an affected passenger window.

Groups: Group 1 helicopters are those having an affected passenger window installed. Group 2 helicopters are those that do not have an affected passenger window installed. Helicopters having s/n 1002, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1008, 1015 through 1018 inclusive, 1020, 1022 through 1024 inclusive, or 1030 have been delivered with an affected passenger window installed; an helicopter having a s/n other than those previously listed is Group 2, provided no affected passenger window has been installed on that helicopter after manufacturing.

Reason:

During a maintenance operation, it was discovered that several self-locking nuts of a window jettisoning system could be loosened by hand. The function of these nuts is to hold the threaded axis and associated cable tight, as part of passenger windows' jettisoning system mechanism. Relevant investigations determined that certain cable kits, part of the windows jettisoning system, might be not in conformance with the applicable specifications.

This condition, if not corrected, could lead to failure of the window jettisoning system, possibly affecting the capability of passengers to escape the helicopter in case of a ditching or water impact.

To address this potential unsafe condition, AH issued the ASB, providing instructions to modify affected passenger windows.

For the reasons described above, this AD requires replacement of affected passenger windows with serviceable windows.

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

Required as indicated by this AD, unless the actions required by this AD have been already accomplished:

Replacement:

- (1) For Group 1 helicopters: Within 165 flight hours (FH) after the effective date of this AD, replace each affected passenger window with a serviceable window in accordance with the instructions of the ASB (see Note 1 of this AD).

Note 1: The ASB provides instructions to modify an affected window into a serviceable window.

Part(s) Installation:

- (2) For Group 1 and Group 2 helicopters: From the effective date of this AD, do not install an affected passenger window or an affected door on any helicopter.

Ref. Publications:

AH ASB H160-52-20-0001 Issue 001 dated 25 January 2024.

Vision System SB 02-050-015 Revision 0 dated 24 January 2024.



The use of later approved revisions of the above-mentioned documents is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.

Remarks:

1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 04 March 2024.
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, Telephone +33 (0)4 42 85 97 97, Fax +33 (0)4 42 85 99 66; Web portal: <https://airbusworld.helicopters.airbus.com> / Technical Requests Management, or E-mail: TechnicalSupport.Helicopters@airbus.com, support.technical-airframe.ah@airbus.com, or Telephone +33 (0)4 42 85 97 89.

