



Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 24-098

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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):

A318, A319, A320 and A321 aeroplanes

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

TCDS Number(s): EASA.A.064

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: None

ATA 52 – Doors – Overwing Exit Door Latch Bracket Bushes – Inspection

Manufacturer(s):

Airbus, formerly Airbus Industrie

Applicability:

Airbus A321-251NX, A321-252NX, A321-253NX, A321-271NX and A321-272NX aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers.

Definitions:

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

The ISB: Airbus Inspection Service Bulletin (ISB) A320-52-1203.

The MSB: Airbus Modification Service Bulletin (MSB) A320-52-1204.

Affected part: Bracket assembly (assy) latch having a Part Number (P/N) as listed in Table 1 of this AD installed on an overwing exit door (door assembly overwing) having a P/N as listed in Table 2 of this AD.



Table 1- Bracket Assembly Latch P/N

Bracket Assembly Latch P/N	D5227347700000	D5227348400000	D5227348400100
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Table 2- Door Assembly Overwing P/N

Door Assembly Overwing P/N	D5227331202800	D5227331203400	D5227331205400	D5227331203800
	D5227331205200	D5227331205800	D5227331204800	D5227331203200
	D5227331204600	D5227331203600	D5227331204200	D5227331205600
	D5227331204000	D5227331203000	D5227331204400	D5227331205000

Groups: Group 1 aeroplanes are those having an affected part installed.

Group 2 aeroplanes are those which do not have an affected part installed.

An aeroplane on which Airbus modification (mod) 168741 has been embodied in production is considered to be a Group 2 aeroplane, provided that no affected part has been installed after the aeroplane date of manufacture.

Reason:

During accomplishment of an inspection on an in-service aeroplane, two bushes have been found migrated on the latch shaft of an emergency over wing exit door.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could affect the fatigue life of the lower beam of the overwing exit door, and consequently the structural integrity of the aeroplane.

To address this potential unsafe condition, Airbus issued the ISB to provide detail inspection (DET) instructions of the affected parts, and issued the MSB to provide modification instructions preventing bush migration.

For the reasons described above, this AD requires accomplishment of repetitive DETs of the affected parts, and in case of findings, modification.

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

Required as indicated by this AD, unless the action(s) required by this AD have been already accomplished:

Inspection(s):

- (1) For Group 1 aeroplanes: Before exceeding 11 000 flight cycles (FC) since aeroplane first flight, and, thereafter, at intervals not to exceed 11 000 FC, accomplish a DET of the bracket bushes of each affected part in accordance with the instructions of the ISB.

Corrective Action(s):

- (2) If, during any inspection as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, discrepancies, as defined in the ISB, are detected, before exceeding 11 000 FC since aeroplane first flight, or since the



previous inspection without findings, whichever occurs later, accomplish the corrective actions in accordance with the instructions of the MSB.

Terminating Action:

- (3) Modification on an aeroplane in accordance with the instruction of the MSB constitutes terminating action for the repetitive inspections as required by paragraph (1) of this AD for that aeroplane.

Part(s) Installation:

- (4) Do not install an affected part on any aeroplane, as required by paragraph (4.1) or (4.2) of this AD, as applicable.

(4.1) For Group 1 aeroplanes: After modification of the aeroplane in accordance with the instructions of the MSB.

(4.2) For Group 2 aeroplanes: From the effective date of this AD.

Ref. Publications:

Airbus SB A320-52-1203 at original issue dated 31 May 2024.

Airbus SB A320-52-1204 at original issue, dated 31 May 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 28 August 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 – Airworthiness Office – 1IASA; E-mail: account.airworth-eas@airbus.com .

