



Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 25-085

Issued: 16 June 2025

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 350, AS 355, EC 120 and EC 130 helicopters

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

TCDS Number(s): EASA.R.008, EASA.R.146 and EASA.R.508

Foreign AD: Not applicable

Supersedure: None

ATA 11 – Placards and Markings – Unlock Sliding Door – Installation

Manufacturer(s):

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

Applicability:

AS 350 B, AS 350 BA, AS 350 BB, AS 350 B1, AS 350 B2, AS 350 B3, AS 350 D, EC 120 B, EC 130 B4, AS 355 E, AS 355 F, AS 355 F1, AS 355 F2, AS 355 N and AS 355 NP helicopters, all serial numbers on which modification 0720257 has not been embodied.

Definitions:

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

The applicable ASB: AH Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) EC130-11-30-0001, ASB AS350-11-30-0001, ASB EC120-11-30-0001 or ASB AS355-11-30-0001, as applicable.

Reason:

It has been determined that the instructions on how to open the emergency exit on affected helicopters are insufficient.



This condition, if not corrected, could result, in case of an emergency landing, in injuries to helicopter occupants.

To address this potential unsafe condition, AH issued the applicable ASB, to provide instructions for installation of additional safety labels providing sliding door opening and closing instructions.

For the reason described above, this AD requires installation of those additional safety labels.

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:

Safety Labels Installation:

- (1) Within 24 months after the effective date of this AD, install safety labels for the sliding door opening and closing operating instructions in accordance with the instructions of the applicable ASB.
- (2) [RESERVED]

Ref. Publications:

AH ASB EC130-11-30-0001 original issue dated 20 December 2024.

AH ASB AS350-11-30-0001 original issue dated 20 December 2024.

AH ASB AS355-11-30-0001 original issue dated 20 December 2024.

AH ASB EC120-11-30-0001 original issue dated 10 June 2025.

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 14 July 2025.
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 Customer Support, Telephone +33 (0)4.42.85.97.89, Fax + 33 (0)4.42.85.99.66, E-mail: Airframe.Technical-Support@airbus.com, Keycopter Technical Request Management: TechnicalSupport.Helicopters@airbus.com.

