

COMMENT RESPONSE DOCUMENT

EASA PAD No. 25-131

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Comment #1

Reference:

- (A) EASA Proposed Airworthiness Directive: PAD No. 25-0131, dated 20 Aug 25
- (B) Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A350-57-P093, dated 17 Jun 25
- (C) EASA Proposed Airworthiness Directive: PAD No. 25-0132, dated 20 Aug 25
- (D) Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A350-57-P094, dated 17 Jun 25

Commenter Request

Modify Ref (A) PAD, Reason and Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s) paragraphs, to add “apply additional head nut cap protection” to improve consistency with Ref (B) SB.

Request justification

In addition to replacing fasteners, Paragraph 3.C of the SB Ref (B) also includes instructions for installing head caps on the new fasteners. In comparison, Ref (C) PAD requires replacing fasteners and installing additional head cap protection in accordance with Ref (D) SB. However, Ref (A) PAD omits head cap installation, which may imply that it is not required. This omission may lead to confusion regarding the full scope of required actions.

List paragraphs that change; describe (nonobvious) changes

Reason:

To address this potential unsafe condition, Airbus issued the SB to provide instructions to replace each affected part **and to introduce additional head nut cap protection in the CWB and BF.**

For the reason described above, this AD requires replacement of affected parts **and introduction of additional head nut cap protection in the CWB and BF.**

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



Modification:

Before exceeding 78 months after the effective date of this AD, replace all affected parts **and apply additional head nut cap protection** in accordance with the instructions of the SB, as defined in this AD.

EASA response:

Comment agreed. The Final AD has been amended accordingly.

