



Notification of a Proposal to issue an Airworthiness Directive

PAD No.: 26-002

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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 25 – Equipment/Furnishings – Evacuation Slide/Inflation Hose Assemblies – Replacement

Manufacturer(s):

Airbus, formerly Airbus Industries

Applicability:

Airbus A318-111, A318-112, A318-121, A318-122, A319-111, A319-112, A319-113, A319-114, A319-115, A319-131, A319-132, A319-133, A319-151N, A319-153N, A319-171N, A319-173N, A320-211, A320-212, A320-214, A320-215, A320-216, A320-231, A320-232, A320-233, A320-251N, A320-252N, A320-253N, A320-271N, A320-272N, A320-273N, A321-111, A321-112, A321-131, A321-211, A321-212, A321-213, A321-231, A321-232, A321-251N, A321-251NX, A321-252N, A321-252NX, A321-253N, A321-253NX, A321-253NY, A321-271N, A321-271NX, A321-271NY, A321-272N and A321-272NX aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers.

Definitions:

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

Affected hose:

- Inflation hose assemblies having Part Number (P/N) 63667-101 or P/N 63667-103, all serial numbers (s/n); or



- Inflation hose assemblies having P/N 68906-101 and having a s/n below 4407.

Affected slide:

- Door evacuation slides having a P/N and s/n as identified in Appendix 1 of this AD; or
- Door evacuation slides having a P/N as identified in Appendix 1 of this AD, on which an inflation hose has been replaced in service with an affected hose, including those for which no maintenance records are available showing that no affected hose has been installed in service on that slide.

Serviceable slide:

- Any door evacuation slide, eligible for installation in accordance with approved Airbus instructions, which is not an affected slide; or
- An affected slide which has been inspected and reidentified 'MOD PER S.B. A320 004-25-130' or 'INSP. PER S.B. A320-004-25-130' in accordance with the instructions of the VSB and on which, after that inspection, no affected hose has been (re-)installed.

The SB: Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A320-25-1CML or Airbus SB A320-25-1CMM, as applicable.

The VSB: Safran Aerosystems Evacuation Vendor Service Bulletin (VSB) A320 004-25-130.

Groups:

Group 1 aeroplanes are those fitted with an affected slide at door position Functional Item Number (FIN) 7500MM, 7501MM, 7502MM and/or 7503MM.

Group 2 aeroplanes are those that do not have any affected slide installed.

An aeroplane on which Airbus modification 20233 has been embodied in production, or on which SB A320-25-1055 has been embodied in service (installation of slide raft) is considered a Group 2 aeroplane, provided that no affected slide(s) have been installed on that aeroplane after the aeroplane reference date or after the accomplishment of SB A320-25-1055, as applicable.

An aeroplane having an aeroplane reference date after the effective date of this AD is considered a Group 2 aeroplane, provided that no affected slide(s) have been installed in service on that aeroplane.

Aeroplane reference date: The date of transfer of title (ownership) of the aeroplane upon delivery by Airbus to the first operator, which is referenced in Airbus documentation.

Reason:

Reports were received of door evacuation slide systems failing to inflate during emergency evacuations. Investigations revealed that the failure was due to the fracture and separation of the connector on the inflation hose assembly.

This condition, if not corrected, could prevent the inflation of the escape slide and render one evacuation path unusable in case of emergency evacuation, possibly resulting in injury to aeroplane occupants.

To address this potential unsafe condition, Airbus issued the SB, which refers to the VSB, to provide instructions for the replacement of the affected slides.



For the reason described above, this AD requires the replacement of the affected slides with serviceable slides.

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:

Replacement:

- (1) For Group 1 aeroplanes: Within 36 months after the effective date of this AD, replace each affected slide with a serviceable slide in accordance with the instructions of the SB.

Part(s) Installation:

- (2) For Group 1 and Group 2 aeroplanes: From the effective date of this AD, it is allowed to install an affected slide on any aeroplane, provided it is a serviceable slide, as defined in this AD.

Ref. Publications:

Airbus SB A320-25-1CML original issue dated 17 October 2025.

Airbus SB A320-25-1CMM original issue dated 17 October 2025.

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

Safran Aerosystems Evacuation VSB A320 004-25-130 original issue dated 22 February 2024 or revision 01 dated 01 August 2025.

Remarks:

1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 05 February 2026.
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.



Appendix 1

List of Affected Slides P/N and s/n

P/N (see Note 1 of this AD)	Designation	s/n Range
D31516-XXX	Forward Door Evacuation Slide	Prior to s/n M11767 Prior to s/n C1745 Prior to s/n L25862 Prior to s/n A17696
D31517-XXX	Aft Door Evacuation Slide	Prior to s/n M11772 Prior to s/n C1745 Prior to s/n L25862 Prior to s/n A17609

Note 1: “XXX” represents any numerical sequence.

