

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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Inspection and/or modifications described below are mandatory. No person may operate a product to which this Airworthiness Directive applies except in accordance with the requirements of this Airworthiness Directive.

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In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

ATR

ATR 72 aircraft

Elevators uncoupling mechanism

This Airworthiness Directive applies to ATR 72 aircraft models 101, 102, 201, 202, 211, 212 on which modification 4495 or Service Bulletin ATR 72-27-1044 have not been embodied.

In order to prevent a fatigue rupture of the elevators uncoupling mechanism, the following measures become mandatory at the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

- 1/** Before April 30, 1996 for aircraft having accumulated more than 12000 flights at the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :
- 2/** Before July 31, 1996 for aircraft having accumulated between 8000 and 12000 flights at the effective date of this airworthiness Directive :
- 3/** Before December 31, 1996 for aircraft having accumulated between 5000 and 8000 flights at the effective date of this airworthiness Directive :
- 4/** Before December 31, 1997 or before accumulation of 8000 flights, whichever occurs first, for aircraft having accumulated less than 5000 flights at the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

Modify the elevators uncoupling mechanism, in accordance with the instructions of the Service Bulletin ATR 72-27-1044.

REF. : Service Bulletin ATR 72-27-1044

EFFECTIVE DATE : JANUARY 27, 1996