

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.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A340 Aircraft

Aft cargo compartment door

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A340 aircraft certified in models 211, 212, 311, 312 and 313 which have not received either AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 43364 or 41849 or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-52-4031.

In order to prevent a damage on the pressurized inner skin of the Aft cargo compartment door caused by cracks evidenced during fatigue tests and which could lead to a reduced structural integrity in the area of the lower corner of the Aft cargo compartment door between FR 64A and 65, the following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

1. Before accumulation of 6000 flight cycles, perform a detailed visual inspection of the inner skin at lower corner of the Aft cargo compartment door in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-52-4032.
2. Depending upon the results of this inspection :
 - 2.1 either, if no crack is found : repeat the inspection in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service bulletin A340-52-4032 at intervals not exceeding 1000 flight cycles, or accomplish the preventive measures in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-52-4031.
 - 2.2 or, if a crack is found and depending on the measured length : refer to the action corresponding to the thresholds defined on the synoptic chart 1 of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-52-4032.

NOTE : No further action is required after accomplishment in accordance with AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-52-4031.

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