

# 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.*

Translation of 'Consigne de Navigabilité' ref. : 96-177-038(B)  
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

### A330 Aircraft

Trimmable Horizontal Stabilizer  
Lightning strike protection improvement

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A330 aircraft all certified models which have not received either AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 44252 or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A330-55-3016, and to MSN 132 where modification 44252 is only partially embodied.

In order to prevent a potential electrical current path to the fuel trim tank in case of lightning strike on the Trimmable Horizontal Stabilizer (THS), the following measure is rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

No later than November 15th, 1996, improve the THS lightning strike protection in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE AOT 55-03 on August 22, 1996.

**NOTE :** Accomplishment of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A330-55-3016 is an equivalent means of compliance to fulfill the requirements of this Airworthiness Directive.

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Ref. : AIRBUS INDUSTRIE AOT 55-03 on August 22, 1996  
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A330-55-3016  
(or any further approved revisions)

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**EFFECTIVE DATE : SEPTEMBER 21, 1996**