

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

released by DIRECTION GENERALE DE L'AVIATION CIVILE

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. : 96-235-088(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A320 Aircraft

Fuselage - Inspection sliding window frame

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A320 aircraft, models -111 and -211, MSN 002 to 004 and 023, without AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification N° 20473.

In order to detect fatigue cracks on sliding window frame, which could affect the structural integrity of the airplane, the following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

- 1- Before accumulation of 20,000 flights, inspect, from outside, sliding window frame left and right hand side for aircraft MSN 002, right for aircraft MSN 003 and 004 and left for aircraft MSN 023 :
 - with an ultra-sonic method around fasteners A, B and C,
 - with an Eddy-Current method around fasteners D and E,in accordance with instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-53-1065.
- 2- If no crack has been detected, repeat inspection defined in paragraph 1 of this Airworthiness Directive at intervals not exceeding 13,000 flights.
- 3- In case of crack findings, and depending of total length of them (all fasteners assembled), contact AIRBUS INDUSTRIE for repair solution and apply this repair at the threshold given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-53-1065.

Ref. : AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-53-1065
(or any further approved revision)

EFFECTIVE DATE : NOVEMBER 02, 1996