

# 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. : 96-262-004(AB) R1  
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## EUROCOPTER

### AS 332 L2 helicopters

Intermediate gearbox forward mount

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AS 332 L2 helicopters, that have not been modified per MOD 0761049 and that are fitted with intermediate gearboxes (IGB), part numbers :

- 332A 35-0011-01.

Further to the discovery of cracks on the IGB-to-structure forward attachment stirrup, the following measures are rendered mandatory from the effective date of Revision 1 of this Airworthiness Directive :

1. During each check after the last flight of the day, until compliance has been ensured with paragraph 2 below, visually check the stirrup forward lugs for cracks as described in paragraph 2B(1) of the referenced EUROCOPTER FRANCE AS 332 Service Bulletin No 01.00.47R1.

- If in doubt, perform a local dye-penetrant crack detection inspection.
- If a crack is found, remove the IGB.

2. Within 500 flying hours at the latest, since November 30, 1996 check the conformity of the IGB-to-structure attachment as described in paragraph 2B(2) of the referenced Service Bulletin.

3. Before installing an IGB held as a spare, check the conformity of the attachment hardware as per paragraph 2B(2) of the referenced Service Bulletin.

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This Revision 1 replaces the original Airworthiness Directive 96-262-004(B) dated November 20, 1996.

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