

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.**

EUROCOPTER

SA 330 helicopters

Main Rotor Blades - Leading Edge Stainless Steel Protective Strips

This Airworthiness Directive applies to SA 330 helicopters, versions F, G and J fitted with the main rotor blades part numbers :

- 330A11-0020- all dash numbers
- 330A11-0022- all dash numbers
- 330A11-0027- all dash numbers

on which the leading edge stainless steel protective strips have been replaced by the company C.T.I. Dallas.

Further to the examination of a main rotor blade that had been repaired by C.T.I. Dallas, anomalies were found in the bonding of the stainless steel protective strip which could affect aircraft safety. Consequently, the following measures are rendered mandatory from the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive.

- 1) Within 10 flying hours, check the position of the main rotor blade leading edge stainless steel protective strips in accordance with the directives given in paragraph 2B1 of the referenced EUROCOPTER SA 330 Service Bulletin No 05.85.
- 2) Within 100 flying hours, then at intervals of no more than 100 flying hours, check the bonding of the stainless steel protective strips in accordance with the directives given in paragraph 2B2 of the referenced Service Bulletin.
- 3) Should the protective strips be incorrectly positioned, within 100 flying hours of the check described in paragraph 1 above, remove the blade for repair.
- 4) Should the bonding check described in paragraph 2 above evidence faulty bonding, repair the blade before reinstalling it on a helicopter.
- 5) Before installing a blade that is held as a spare, carry out the checks described in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, and, if applicable, comply with the directives given in paragraphs 3 and 4 above.

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