

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

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

Main landing gear - Outboard pin that attaches the brake rod to the main strut (ATA 32)

APPLICABILITY :

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A340 aircraft, models -211, -212, -213, -311, -312 and -313 which have not received AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 46416 or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-32-4120 or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A.O.T. 32-18 dated February 12, 1998.

REASONS :

One operator has reported migration of a torque rod attachment pin on a Main Landing Gear (MLG). The torque rod attachment pin migration was found during a walkaround inspection after landing. A complete migration of the torque rod attachment pin will result in the loss of braking on the associated wheels and, due to the free movement of a disconnected brake rod, the MLG extension or retraction might become hindered.

COMPLIANCE :

To prevent a complete migration of the torque rod attachment pin(s) of the brake torque rod(s) at the main strut interface, the following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

- not later than 500 flight hours from effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, accomplish the modification of the brake rod pins to both the LH and RH MLGs in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-32-4120.

Note : For aircraft which have been previously modified in accordance with A.O.T. 32-18 dated February 12, 1998, the striking out on the main strut and dressings nameplate as specified in the paragraph 2.B (2) of Service Bulletin A340-32-4120 will be done at the next opportunity.

REF. : AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-32-4120
(or any further approved revision)
A.O.T. 32-18 dated February 12, 1998

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