

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. : 1998-355-095(B) R1
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A340 aircraft

Thrust reversers locking (ATA 78)

APPLICABILITY :

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A340 Aircraft models -211, -212, -213, -311, -312 and -313 all serial numbers which have not received either AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 45150 and 45486 and 46200 or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletins A340-78-4013 and A340-78-4015.

REASONS :

Further to the introduction of an improved primary lock design which prevents cases of rejected take-off due to thrust reverser "UNLOCKED" ECAM warnings, some "REV.UNLOCK" events have been reported in flight.

In all cases, the doors were maintained closed by the actuator secondary locks.

COMPLIANCE :

In order to maintain the thrust reversers correctly locked, the following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive :

- Before July 01, 2000, modify the thrust reversers primary lock system in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletins A340-78-4013 and A340-78-4015.

Note : The operational test of the secondary locks in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-78-4012 and required by Airworthiness Directive 1999-265-117(B) remains applicable after accomplishment of this Airworthiness Directive.

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| This Revision 1 replace the Airworthiness Directive 1998-355-095(B) dated September 09, 1998.

REF. : AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-78-4012
(or any further approved revision)
AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-78-4013
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AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-78-4015
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EFFECTIVE DATES :

| **Original AD : SEPTEMBER 19, 1998**
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