

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. : 1998-485-101(B) R2
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS

A340-200/-300 aircraft

Mid and aft passenger/crew doors and emergency exit -
Slide locking mechanism (ATA 52)

1. APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS A340 aircraft models -211, -212, -213, -311, -312, -313, all serial numbers:

- which have received AIRBUS modification (Mod.) 44330 (for mid and aft passenger/crew doors) and which have not received Mod. 46471 (or AIRBUS Service Bulletin (SB) A340-52-4061), and/or
- which have received Mod. 44332 (for emergency exit Type A) and which have not received Mod. 46473 (or SB A340-52-4061), and/or
- which have received Mod. 44860 (for emergency exit Type 1) and which have not received Mod. 46472 (or SB A340-52-4061).

2. REASONS:

Two bolts (PN F5217044420000) acting as a pivot inside the emergency slide mechanism were found to be insufficiently secured.

Mid and aft passenger/crew doors and emergency exit (Type A and Type 1) may be affected.

Loosing one of these bolts can lead to a condition where in an emergency evacuation the slide could become detached from the aircraft once inflated.

This could delay the evacuation of passengers during an emergency situation.

Revision 1 of this Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued in order to clarify the "Applicability" paragraph.

Revision 2 of this AD consists of revising the "Applicability" paragraph which limits AIRBUS A340 aircraft models as listed in the paragraph 1.

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3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIME:

The following actions are rendered mandatory from effective date of this AD at original issue, unless already accomplished:

3.1. Not later than 500 flight hours (FH) from July 25, 1998 (effective date of AD 98-269-090(B) at original issue), accomplish the instructions given in AIRBUS AOT (All Operator Telex) 52-13 dated May 28, 1998.

3.2. Not later than 15 months from the effective date of this AD at original issue, replace the pivot pins and the tab washers of the slide locking mechanism (2 per door) of the mid and aft passenger/crew doors and of the emergency exit (Type A or Type 1) in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS SB A340-52-4061.

Note 1: The interim solution given in the AOT 52-13 dated May 28, 1998 is temporary limited to 15 months from the effective date of this AD at original issue.

Note 2: Accomplishment of the requirement of the paragraph 3.2. of this AD cancels the requirements of the AOT 52-13 rendered mandatory as per paragraph 3.1. of this AD.

REF.: AIRBUS AOT 52-13 dated May 28, 1998
AIRBUS Service Bulletin A340-52-4061, original issue
(Any later approved revision is acceptable).

This Revision 2 replaces AD 1998-485-101(B) R1 issued on May 17, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATES :

Original AD : DECEMBER 12, 1998

Revision 1 : MAY 27, 2000

Revision 2 : JULY 19, 2003