

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. : 1998-541-109(B) R1
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS

A340-200/-300 aircraft

Elevator servocontrols - Frankenjura eye-ends (ATA 27)

1. APPLICABILITY:

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

Note : All delivered aircraft from MSN 246 inclusive and MSN 235, 239, 242 have been checked on the production line and are in compliance with the requirement of this Airworthiness Directive (AD) providing that no spare parts have been installed in service since aircraft delivery.

2. REASONS:

Operators have reported one case of elevator servocontrol piston rod broken and two cases of piston rod bent.

This rupture or buckling of the piston rod is the result of a stiff of the eye-end spherical bearings of the elevator servocontrol resulting from the migration of the eye-end liner leading to subsequent excessive stress on the piston rod.

In the three reported cases, the liner of the eye-end spherical bearings was found migrated.

In the case of a rupture of the piston rod on both the active and damping mode servocontrols on the same side, the elevator is no more damped and becomes uncontrollable.

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

3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIME:

Unless already accomplished, the following measures are rendered mandatory from the effective date of this AD at original issue:

3.1. The requirements of the paragraph 4 of the AIRBUS All Operators Telex (AOT) 27-24 Revision 1 dated December 10, 1998 are rendered mandatory within 500 flight hours from the effective date of this AD at original issue.

Elevator servocontrols fitted on aircraft on both active and damping mode and spare servocontrols are concerned.

3.2. Send all the removed parts to the vendor SAMM.

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| This Revision 1 replaces original AD 98-541-109(B) dated December 30, 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATES :

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