

# 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. : 1998-542-108(B) R2  
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## AIRBUS

### A340-200/-300 aircraft

Door stay mechanism of the mid and aft  
passenger/crew doors and emergency exit Type A (ATA 52)

#### **1. APPLICABILITY:**

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

- which have received AIRBUS Modification (Mod.) 44330 (for mid and aft passenger/crew doors) and which have not received Mod. 46352 (or AIRBUS Service Bulletin (SB) A340-52-4062) and/or
- which have received Mod. 44332 (for emergency exit Type A) and which have not received Mod. 46353 (or SB A340-52-4062).

#### **2. REASONS:**

Operators have reported that the release button of the door stay mechanism can remain stuck in the depressed position after having been fully pushed and then the mechanism does not lock the door in the open position.

In the case of an emergency evacuation with strong wind condition or important aircraft pitch, the door could swing back and possibly injure escaping passengers and reduce the free aisle.

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.

#### **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.

- Not later than 15 months from the effective date of this AD at original issue, modify the door stay mechanism of the Mid and Aft passenger/crew doors, LH and RH, and the Type A emergency exit, LH and RH, in accordance with the instructions given in the AIRBUS SB A340-52-4062.

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REF.: AIRBUS Service Bulletin A340-52-4062  
(Any later approved revision of this SB is acceptable).

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| This Revision 2 replaces AD 1998-542-108(B) R1 dated May 17, 2000.

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**EFFECTIVE DATES :**

|      **Original AD** : Upon receipt from DECEMBER 30, 1998  
         **Revision 1** : MAY 27, 2000  
         **Revision 2** : AUGUST 30, 2003