

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.

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In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A330 aircraft

Wing - Rib 1/Wing center spar attachment (ATA 57)

APPLICABILITY :

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A330 aircraft models -301, -321, -322, -341 and -342 which have not received AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 43021 (or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin (SB) A330-57-3017) at the initial issue or any later approved revisions.

REASONS :

During fatigue tests on the test wing, cracks have been found at the rib 1/center spar angle and bottom corner fitting caused by local bending.

This condition, if not corrected, could result in reduced structural capability of the wing.

COMPLIANCE :

The following measures are rendered mandatory.

Unless already previously accomplished :

- Before accumulation of 9600 flights or 29900 flight hours since first flight of the aircraft, whichever occurs first, replace vertical angle fittings at rib 1/wing center spar (LH & RH) in accordance with the instructions given in SB A330-57-3017 at the initial issue and any later approved revisions.

Note : To minimize the risk of extensive damage that could lead to expensive repairs and extended grounding of the aircraft, it is recommended by the manufacturer to accomplish SB A330-57-3017 at the latest within 6900 flights or 21500 hours, whichever occurs first.

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