

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

A340 aircraft

Wing - Replacement of existing interference fit bolts at ribs 9 and 11 (ATA 57)

APPLICABILITY:

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A340 aircraft models -211, -212, -213, -311, -312 and -313 which were manufactured without AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 41300 nor in service retrofitted in accordance with AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin (SB) A340-57-4061 at the initial issue or any further approved revision.

REASONS:

Results from the wing fatigue test have shown initiation and crack propagation from fastener holes in the top wing skin and the rear spar flange between the wing ribs 9 and 11.

If not corrected this could result in reduced structural capability of the wing.

COMPLIANCE:

The following measures are rendered mandatory.

- Unless already previously accomplished, before accumulation of 7 200 flights or 31 700 flight hours since first flight of the aircraft, whichever occurs first, inspect, remove the interference fit fasteners and install second oversize interference fit fasteners in the top wing skin and the rear spar flange between the wing ribs 9 and 11 in accordance with the instructions given in SB A340-57-4061 Revision 2.

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 A340-57-4061 Revision 2 at the latest within 5 000 flights or 22 000 flight hours, whichever occurs first.

REF. : AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-57-4061 Revision 2
(or any further approved revision)

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