

# 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

Fuselage - Cover plate of the torsion box of the aft passenger/crew door (ATA 53)

### APPLICABILITY:

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A330 aircraft models -301, -321, -322, -341 and -342 which have neither received AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 44043 nor AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 43961 (or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A330-53-3054 at initial issue or any further approved revision).

### REASONS:

During full fatigue tests, cracks were found at the cover plate of the torsion box of the aft passenger/crew door at FR73A and FR75A.

If not corrected, this could result in reduced structural capability of the rear fuselage.

### COMPLIANCE:

The following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, unless already previously accomplished:

- Before accumulation of 10000 flights since first flight of the aircraft, reinforce the cover plate of the torsion box of the aft passenger/crew door, LH and RH, in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A330-53-3054 Revision 1.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE : APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000**

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