

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

Inspection of the drive assemblies on the low-pressure fuel valves (ATA 28)

APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A340 aircraft models -211, -212, -213, -311, -312 and -313, MSN's 0002 up to 0327 inclusive, equipped with LP fuel valves P/N HTE900212 or HTE900160.

Operators who have the above referenced LP fuel valve as spare parts must proceed with the inspection as described in the paragraph "COMPLIANCE" of this Airworthiness Directive (AD) before the LP fuel valve is installed on aircraft.

REASONS:

An A340 operator experienced an engine shut down less than one minute after engine start up with associated ECAM messages. Investigation performed on the LP fuel valve drive of the engine, reveals that a thrust washer was found missing from the drive assembly.

It has been determined that this defect caused the origin of the malfunction of the LP fuel valve. This condition may lead to the following failures:

- either impossibility to start the engine,
- or impossibility to shutt-off the fuel supply to engine.

The second failure when combined with an engine fire may lead to an uncontrolled engine fire.

COMPLIANCE:

The following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this AD:

- Unless already accomplished, before accumulation of 1450 flight hours from the effective date of this AD, inspect the drive assembly of the LP fuel valves, and if necessary, before the next flight which follows this inspection, accomplish the corrective action in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-28A4087.

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(Any further approved revision of this Service Bulletin is acceptable).

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