

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. : 2000-518-157(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A319/A320/A321 aircraft

Windows: inspection of the cockpit sliding window lower mechanism (ATA 56)

APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A319, A320, A321 all certified models, manufacturer serial number (MSN) 0718 to 0862, 0864 to 0926, 0928 to 0972, 0974, 0975, 0977, 0979 to 0981, 0983 to 0990, 0992, 0997, 1001, 1006, 1008, 1010, 1024 and 1027 inclusive.

REASONS:

Failure to open the right hand sliding window has been reported in-service and was caused by missing lock pin in the aft lower bogie.

In case of an emergency, it will not be possible to open the sliding window for evacuation.

ACTIONS:

1. Before March 23, 2002, if not already accomplished, perform a one-time detailed visual inspection of the forward and aft lower bogie to verify the presence of lock pins in accordance with AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-56-1007.
2. In case the lock pin is not installed, before next flight, do one of the following actions:
 - 2.1. Unscrew bolts and install loctite on screw and install new bogie within 500 flight hours from this inspection in accordance with AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-56-1007.
 - or
 - 2.2. Install new bogie in accordance with the repair instruction detailed in accordance with AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-56-1007.

No action is required on forward and aft lower bogie assemblies of sliding window with lock pin installed.

REF.: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320- 56-1007
(or any further approved revision).

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