

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. : 2001-054(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A340 aircraft

Rear fuselage - Cargo door framework reinforcement at frame 59A and 65 (ATA 53)

APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A340 aircraft models -211, -212, -213, -311, -312 and -313 which have not received AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification (Mod.) 43761 nor Mod. 43697 (or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4063 at original issue or any further approved revision).

REASONS:

It was evidenced during fuselage fatigue tests, cracks initiation and propagation in the fuselage area of the aft cargo door at frame 59A RH and 65 RH.

This condition if not corrected, could result in reduced structural integrity of the fuselage.

Airworthiness Directive (AD) 97-005-054(B) dealing with the same issue is cancelled by its Revision 1 and replaced by this AD further to the flight hours threshold defined by the manufacturer.

COMPLIANCE:

The following measure is rendered mandatory on the effective date of this AD:

- Unless already previously accomplished, before accumulation of 6000 flights or 45000 flight hours since new, whichever occurs first, proceed in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4063 Revision 3.

NOTE: No further action is required after accomplishment of either this AD or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4063 at original issue or any further approved revision.

REF.: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4063 Revision 3
(any further approved revision of this SB is acceptable).

EFFECTIVE DATE : FEBRUARY 17, 2001

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