

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. : 2001-063(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A319/A320/A321 aircraft

Passenger door : slide raft girt bar (ATA 52)

APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A319, A320 and A321 aircraft, all certified models, all serial numbers having received modification 20234 (installation of telescopic girt bar for slide raft) or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-25-1055 without AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 28212 in production or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-52-1102 Revision 1 in-service.

REASONS:

During slide raft deployment tests, the slide raft girt detached from the door sill and the slide raft was unable to deploy.

The trigger spring which allows to maintain the telescopic slide bar in the extended position has been found broken due to high corrosion, then the girt bar was incorrectly fixed to the door sill.

Consequently, passenger evacuation could be delayed in emergency conditions.

ACTIONS:

Before September 03, 2002 or within 30 months from the Entry In Service (EIS) of the aircraft, whichever occurs later:

- Replace the carbon-steel trigger spring of the slide/raft at each passenger door location in accordance with the instruction given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-52-1102 R1.

Note: Simultaneous accomplishment of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-52-1068 as mentioned in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-52-1102 Revision 1 is not mandated by this Airworthiness Directive.

REF.: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-52-1102 Revision 1
(or any further approved revision).

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