

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. : 2001-320(B) R1
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS

A330 and A340-200/-300 aircraft

Main landing gear (MLG) bogie beam (ATA 32)

1. APPLICABILITY:

- AIRBUS A330 aircraft, , models -201, -202, -203, -223, -243, -301, -321, -322, -323, -341, -342 and -343, all serial numbers,
and
- AIRBUS A340 aircraft, models -211, -212, -213, -311, -312 and -313, all serial numbers.

2. REASONS:

A crack has been found in the upper part of the Main Landing Gear bogie beam (close to the bogie stop pad), on two A330 aircraft.

This type of damage, if left undetected, could lead to failure of the bogie beam, loss of landing gear wheels and brakes, and structural damage to the Main Landing Gear strut and airframe.

Revision 1 of this Airworthiness Directive (AD) consists of revising the "Applicability" paragraph which limits AIRBUS A340 aircraft models as listed in the paragraph 1.

3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIME:

At the next opportunity, and in any case not later than within 14 calendar days or 50 flight cycles, whichever occurs first, from the effective date of this AD at original issue, perform a one-time visual inspection of both MLG bogie beams, in accordance with the instructions of paragraph 4 of the applicable AIRBUS All Operator Telex ref. A330-32A3137 or A340-32A4174, dated July 19, 2001, and report all results to AIRBUS.

REF.: AIRBUS All Operator Telex A330-32A3137
AIRBUS All Operator Telex A340-32A4174.

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