

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. : 2001-464(B) R1
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A340 aircraft

Escape-slides/slide rafts -
New rail release pins and new rail adapters (ATA 25)

APPLICABILITY:

All AIRBUS A340 aircraft, models -211, -212, -213, -311, -312, and -313 all serial numbers, except:

- aircraft that have received in production AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modifications
 - . 48840 on doors 1, 2 and 4
 - and
 - . 48841 or 48842 on door 3,
- aircraft that have received accomplishment of AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin (SB) A340-25-4152 in service.

REASONS:

The Airworthiness Directive (AD) 1999-179-107(B) had been initially issued as a result of deficiencies reported during operational tests of slide/raft deployments on in-service aircraft, where the release pin was incorrectly installed.

Inspections performed in the frame of the AD 1999-179-107(B) have shown, that if the pin is not correctly installed it can rotate and lock in the release rail and prevents the door from opening in the emergency mode.

Therefore this new AD requires installation of new rail release pins on the girt and the new rail adapter on the packboard.

Revision 1 of this AD gives details on "Applicability" paragraph.

COMPLIANCE:

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

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Unless already accomplished, not later than October 13, 2004, perform the following actions on all escape slides/slide rafts installed on L/H and R/H passenger/crew doors and emergency exit doors:

1. modification of the release rails by installing new bushing with alignment key,
2. replacement of the release-pin lanyard assemblies,
3. replacement of the rail adapters on the packboard,

in accordance with instructions given in SB A340-25-4152.

Note: Accomplishment of these 3 here above mentioned actions cancels the requirements of AD 1999-179-107(B).

REF.: Service Bulletin AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A340- 25-4152
Any further approved revision is acceptable.

| This Revision 1 replaces original AD 2001-464(B) issued on October 03, 2001.

EFFECTIVE DATES :

| **Original AD and Revision 1 : OCTOBER 13, 2001**