

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. : 2001-471-020(A) R1
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

EUROCOPTER

AS 332 L2 helicopters

Engine Fire Extinguishing Circuits (ATA 26)

1. EFFECTIVITY:

AS 332 L2 helicopters equipped with engine fire extinguishing bottles P/N 862690-00 (704A 42820028) delivered before Amendment A and before embodiment of MOD 0726218 (covered by EUROCOPTER Service Bulletin No. 26.00.14 for AS 332 helicopters) or before embodiment of MOD 0726219.

2. REASONS:

This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued following some reports of engine fire extinguishing bottles delivered as spares with interchanged percussion heads. In case of fire in an engine compartment, such a situation, if not corrected, could result in the impossibility to extinguish the fire.

Revision 1 of this AD takes into account the conversion of AS 332 L2 Alert Telex No. 26.00.12 into Alert Service Bulletin (ASB) bearing the same reference number, with no change to the technical content but with additional information on the equipment concerned (effectivity).

3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIME:

The following actions are rendered mandatory from the effective date of the original issue of this AD:

- 3.1. Before the next flight, check that the engine fire extinguishing bottles are positioned in compliance with the instructions specified in paragraph 2.B of referenced EUROCOPTER AS 332 L2 ASB No. 26.00.12.
 - 3.1.1. If one or more anomalies are found, bring the installation up to standard in compliance with the instructions specified in paragraph 2.B.4 of the referenced ASB.
 - 3.1.2. If no anomaly is found, perform the final steps in compliance with the instructions specified in paragraph 2.B.3 of the referenced ASB.
- 3.2. Before installing spare engine fire extinguishing bottles on aircraft, check that they meet the installation requirements by complying with the instructions specified in paragraph 2.B.5 of the referenced ASB.

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