

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. : 2001-496(B)
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

A330 aircraft

Fuselage - Reinforce frame 65 at stringer 27 (ATA 53)

APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A330 aircraft models -301, -321, -322, -341 and -342 all serial numbers, except aircraft:

- which have received AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 43761 or 44203 or 44052 in production or
- modified in service in accordance with AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin (SB) A330-53-3059 at original issue or any further approved revision.

REASONS:

It was evident during fuselage fatigue test that crack initiated and propagated at the web of frame 65 at stringer 27, right hand.

This situation, if not corrected, could impair the structural integrity of the rear fuselage.

COMPLIANCE:

The following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive, unless already accomplished:

Before accumulation of 20,000 flights since aircraft first flight, reinforce the frame 65 segment in the area of stringer 27, at the first lower rivet row of the cross-beam attach fitting, in accordance with the instructions given in SB A330-53-3059 Revision 01.

REF.: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A330-53-3059 Revision 01
(any later approved revision is acceptable).

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