

# 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. : 2001-634(B)  
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

### A319/A320/A321 aircraft

Rear passenger door frame - Upper guide rod fitting (ATA 53)

#### APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A319, A320 and A321 aircraft, all certified models, all serial numbers except aircraft which have received in production AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 30821 or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-53-1154 in-service.

#### REASONS:

Several cases of cracking and rupture of passenger rear door upper guide rod fittings have been reported in service.

In case of emergency evacuation, rupture of this fitting during passenger door assisted opening may result with a door in a non fully opened configuration with the risk to interfere with the evacuation of the passengers.

#### ACTIONS:

Before October 31, 2003, unless already accomplished, replace the upper rod guide fittings at both rear passenger doors in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE SB A320-53-1154.

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REF.: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A320-53-1154  
(Any further approved revision of this SB is acceptable).

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