

# 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.*

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In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

### A340 aircraft

Fuselage - Cover plate of the torsion box of the aft passenger/crew door (ATA 53)

#### APPLICABILITY :

This Airworthiness Directive applies to AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A340 aircraft models -211, -212, -213, -311, -312 and -313 which have neither received AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 44043 nor AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 43961 (or AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4072 at initial issue or any further approved revision).

#### REASONS :

During full fatigue tests, cracks were found at the cover plate of the torsion box of the aft passenger/crew door at FR73A and FR73A.

If not corrected, this could result in reduced structural capability of the rear fuselage.

#### COMPLIANCE :

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

- Before accumulation of 8750 flights since first flight of the aircraft, reinforce the cover plate of the torsion box of the aft passenger/crew door, LH and RH, in accordance with the instructions given in AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Service Bulletin A340-53-4072.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE : APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000**