

# 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. : 2001-124(B)  
In case of any difficulty, reference should be made to the French original issue.

## AIRBUS INDUSTRIE

### A340 aircraft

Aft cargo compartment door inspection (ATA 52)

#### APPLICABILITY:

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE A340 aircraft, models -211, -212, -213, 311, -312 and -313 except for aircraft which have received the following AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modifications or Service Bulletin (SB):

- AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 44854 or,
- AIRBUS INDUSTRIE modification 44852 (or SB A340-52-4054 at original issue or any further approved revision).

#### REASONS:

It was evident during fatigue tests, cracks initiation and propagation in several structural parts of the aft cargo compartment door as shown in the paragraph 1.C.(1) of SB A340-52-4053.

This situation, if not corrected, could result in reduced structural integrity of the aft cargo compartment door.

#### COMPLIANCE:

The following measures are rendered mandatory on the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive (AD):

1. Unless already previously accomplished, before accumulation of 12,000 flights since first flight, do the inspection of the aft cargo compartment door, in accordance with the instructions given in the SB A340-52-4053.
2. If necessary perform the corrective actions in accordance with the thresholds and instructions given in the SB A340-52-4053.
3. Repeat the inspection at interval not exceeding 4,000 flights as indicated in the SB A340-52-4053.

**Note:** The repetitive inspection required by this AD is cancelled after full embodiment of SB A340-52-4054 (structure aft cargo compartment door reinforcement) at its original issue or any further approved revision.

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REF.: AIRBUS INDUSTRIE Bulletin Service A340-52-4053  
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Any further approved revision of these SB is acceptable.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE : APRIL 14, 2001**

**SUPERSEDED**