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GSAC publication	No person may operate an aircraft to which an Airworthiness Directive applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that Airworthiness Directive, unless otherwise agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry.			
Corresponding foreign Airworthiness Directive(s): Not applicable		Airworthiness Directive(s) replaced: 2003-041 cancelled by its Revision 1		
Person in charge of airworthiness: AIRBUS		Type(s): A340 aircraft		
Type certificate(s) No. 183 TCDS No 183				
ATA chapter: 05	Subject: Time limits/Maintenance checks - Airworthiness limitations items - ALI			

1. EFFECTIVITY:

AIRBUS A340 aircraft, all certified models, all serial numbers.

2. REASONS:

The certification requirements for damage-tolerant structure are provided in AIRBUS A340 Maintenance Planning Document (MPD) subsection 92 (Airworthiness Limitations Items - ALI). The MPD subsection 9-2 is approved by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and is included in the section 9 (Airworthiness Limitation Section - ALS required by JAR 25.1529, appendix H § 25.4).

AIRBUS document AI/SE-M4/95A.0051/97 that is referenced in the subsection MPD 9-2, is officially an appendix of AIRBUS A340 Maintenance Review Board (MRB) Report.

EASA policy is to issue an Airworthiness Directive (AD) whenever the ALI subsection is revised to introduce more restrictive requirements which are necessary to correct or to prevent development of an unsafe condition.


This new AD mandates the ALI requirements as defined in AIRBUS document AI/SE-M4/95A.0051/97 issue 7 which:

- introduces a new weight variant 50's series,
- adds a new ALI requirements,
- revises some ALI requirements with more restrictive thresholds and intervals.

3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIME:

Unless already accomplished,

From August 01, 2004, it is mandatory to strictly adhere to the requirements of AIRBUS A340 MPD subsection 9-2, as defined in AIRBUS document AI/SE-M4/95A.0051/97 at issue 7 approved by EASA on March 03, 2004.

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Note: AD 2003-041, which mandates the application of AIRBUS document AI/SE-M4/95A.0051/97 issue 5, is effective until July 31, 2004.

However, until AD 2003-041 is cancelled, complying with the certification requirements of AIRBUS A340 MPD subsection 9-2, as defined in AIRBUS document AI/SE-M4/95A.0051/97 at issue 6 or issue 7, constitutes an acceptable means of compliance to AD 2003-041 requirements.

4. REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:

AIRBUS AI/SE-M4/95A.0051/97 issue 5 approved on December 02, 2002
AIRBUS AI/SE-M4/95A.0051/97 issue 6 approved on June 20, 2003
AIRBUS AI/SE-M4/95A.0051/97 issue 7 approved on March 03, 2004
(Any later approved revision of this document is acceptable).

5. EFFECTIVE DATE:

April 24, 2004.

6. REMARK:

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7. APPROVAL:

This AD is approved under EASA reference No 2004-3659 dated April 06, 2004.

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