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	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: None		
Person in charge of airworthiness: AIRBUS SAS		Type(s): A300-600 aircraft		
Type certificate(s) No. 72 TCDS No 145				
ATA chapter: 29	Subject: Hydraulic Power - Interference between RAT (Ram Air Turbine) hub and hydraulic flexible hose			

1. EFFECTIVITY:

AIRBUS A300-600 aircraft, serial numbers 0812, 0813, 0815 through 0818, 0821 through 0828, 0836 through 0838 inclusive.

2. REASONS:

During a scheduled maintenance operation, an operator reported a hole in the RAT hub. The chafing of one of the hydraulic flexible hoses in the vicinity on the RAT hub is probably the cause of the alteration to the hub. Subsequent to investigations conducted by the manufacturer, similar interference was found on an aircraft in production phase.

This situation if not corrected could lead to ingress of water into the body of the RAT which could jam the regulation mechanism by ice effect or degrade this mechanism by metallic particles contained in the lubrication grease caused by the chafing between the hub and the hydraulic flexible hose.

In the worst case, the loss of the RAT and of its function related to the jamming of the regulation mechanism associated with a loss of two engines is considered as catastrophic.

3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIMES:

The inspection below is rendered mandatory from the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive (AD), unless already accomplished.

At latest within 2,500 flight hours from the effective date of this AD and in accordance with the instructions defined in AIRBUS Service Bulletin (SB) A300-29-6054:

- 3.1.** Perform a visual inspection of the RAT hub and of the hydraulic flexible hose to detect any signs of chafing between the two parts.
- 3.2.** If necessary, replace the RAT and/or the hydraulic flexible hose taking into account the criteria given in SB A300-29-6054.



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- 3.3. Correct the spacing between the hub of the RAT and the hydraulic flexible hose.
- 3.4. Correct the assembly of the hydraulic flexible hoses located within the vicinity of the RAT.
- 3.5. Report the results of the inspection to the manufacturer whatever they may be.

4. REFERENCE PUBLICATION:

AIRBUS SB A300-29-6054.
Any later approved revision of this SB is acceptable.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE:

August 14, 2004.

6. REMARK:

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7. APPROVAL:

This AD is approved under EASA reference No 2004-8062 dated July 27, 2004.

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