


<b>EASA</b>	<b>AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE</b>	
	<b>AD No.: 2006 - 0298</b>  <b>Date: 09 October 2006</b>	
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.		
<b>Type Approval Holder's Name :</b>		<b>Type/Model designation(s) :</b>
AIRBUS SAS		AIRBUS aircraft A340-200/-300 series
TCDS Number : EASA A.015		
Foreign AD : None		
Supersedure : None		
<b>ATA 78</b>	<b>Exhaust - Thrust Reverser Outer Fixed Structure - Modification</b>	
Manufacturer:	AIRBUS (formerly AIRBUS INDUSTRIE)	
Applicability:	<p>AIRBUS A340 aircraft, models -211, -212, -213, -311, -312 and -313, all serial numbers, except those on which AIRBUS modification 54159 has been embodied in production or AIRBUS Service Bulletin (SB) A340-78-4032 Revision 01 has been embodied in service.</p> <p>This applicability is established considering that the aircraft have not been subject to any replacement of the thrust reverser since delivery or SB A340-78-4032 Revision 01 embodiment. It is the responsibility of the operator to check that its aircraft is in compliance with the present Airworthiness Directive (AD).</p>	
Reason:	<p>During the application of the inner fixed structure preventive mandatory modification, the manufacturer CFM International discovered an Outer Fixed Structure (OFS) panel disbonding due to an adhesive failure.</p> <p>In case of Fan Blade Out, OFS disbonding, if not corrected, can lead to the loss of Common Nozzle Assembly in flight and could cause damage to the aircraft and/or hazard to persons on the ground.</p> <p>The aim of this AD is to replace the current DURACORE OFS panels by HEXCEL or PAA panels and to replace the 6 O'clock latch fitting for some thrust reversers depending on the Flight Cycles (FC) accumulated since new at time of panel replacement.</p>	

Effective Date:	23 October 2006
Compliance:	<p>The following measures are rendered mandatory from the effective date of this AD:</p> <p>For all affected thrust reversers, before the thrust reverser has accumulated 12,800 FC since new, replace the Outer Fixed Structure panel on the left and the right half thrust reverser in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS SB A340-78-4032 Revision 01.</p> <p>If the thrust reverser has accumulated more than 11,600 FC since new at the time of OFS panel replacement as per above mandated requirement, replace the 6 o'clock latch fitting simultaneously in accordance with instructions of AIRBUS SB A340-78-4032 Revision 01.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- if AIRBUS SB A340-78-4032 has been embodied at original issue prior thrust reversers accumulate 11,600 FC since new, no more action is required to be compliant with this AD.</li> <li>- if AIRBUS SB A340-78-4032 has been embodied at original issue after thrust reversers accumulate 11,600 FC since new, 6 o'clock latch fitting must be replaced before thrust reversers accumulate 12,800 FC in accordance with ROHR SB RA34078-86 as required by AIRBUS SB A340-78-4032 Rev.1/ ROHR SB RA34078-75 Rev.1 .</li> </ul>
Ref. Publications:	<p>AIRBUS Service Bulletin (SB) A340-78-4032 Revision 01 or later approved revisions.</p> <p>ROHR SB RA34078-86 ROHR SB RA34078-75 Rev.1</p>
Remarks :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If requested and appropriately substantiated the responsible EASA manager for the related product has the authority to accept Alternative Methods of Compliance (AMOCs) for this AD.</li> <li>2. This AD was posted as PAD 06-205 for consultation on 8 August 2006 with a comment period until 23 August 2006. The Comment Response Document can be found at <a href="http://ad.easa.eu.int/">http://ad.easa.eu.int/</a></li> <li>3. Enquiries regarding this Airworthiness Directive should be referred to Mr. M. Capaccio, Airworthiness Directive Focal Point - Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail: <a href="mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu">ADs@easa.europa.eu</a></li> <li>4. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact AIRBUS SAS – Airworthiness Office - EAL Fax: +33 5 61 93 45 80.</li> </ol>