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Direction générale de l'aviation civile France GSAC publication	<p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>				
Corresponding foreign Airworthiness Directive(s): Not applicable			Airworthiness Directive(s) replaced: None		
Person in charge of airworthiness: AIRBUS SAS			Type(s): A319, A320 and A321 aircraft		
Type certificate(s) No. 180 TCDS No 180					
ATA chapter: 32		Subject: Landing gear - Parking brake system			

1. **EFFECTIVITY:**

AIRBUS A319, A320 and A321 aircraft, all certified models and serial numbers, except aircraft that have received AIRBUS modification 30062 in production or AIRBUS Service Bulletin (SB) A320-32-1201 Revision 1 in service.

2. **REASONS:**

One operator reported a loss of parking brake on holding point of the runway, before take-off, leading to a runway excursion.

Analysis showed that, as per design, when the parking brake is selected, braking through the pedals is inhibited. In case of parking brake loss, a FCOM procedure therefore recommends to release immediately the parking brake handle to restore braking through the pedals.

However, if this procedure is not followed, such situation could have hazardous consequences.


For such a reason, this Airworthiness Directive renders mandatory the improvement of the parking brake system.

3. **MANDATORY ACTION AND COMPLIANCE TIME:**

Before March 31, 2009, modify the parking brake system in accordance with the instruction given in AIRBUS Service Bulletin A320-32-1201 Revision 1.

4. **REFERENCE PUBLICATION:**

AIRBUS Service Bulletin A320-32-1201 Revision 1
(Any further approved revision of this SB is acceptable).

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5. EFFECTIVE DATE:

November 20, 2004.

6. REMARK:

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7. APPROVAL:

This AD is approved under EASA reference No 2004-10839 dated November 03, 2004.