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	<p 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: F-2004-151 R1		
Person in charge of airworthiness: AIRBUS SAS		Type(s): A340 aircraft			
Type certificate(s) No. A.015 TCDS No A.015					
ATA chapter: 35	Subject: Oxygen - Passengers gaseous oxygen container diaphragm				

1. EFFECTIVITY:

- 1.1. AIRBUS A340-200 and A340-300 aircraft series, all certified models, all serial numbers on which modification 40257 has been embodied in production (installation of Passengers Gaseous Oxygen System) and having not received AIRBUS modification 53578 in production.
- 1.2. AIRBUS A340-500 and A340-600 aircraft series, all serial numbers on which modification 48635 or 48728 has been embodied in production (installation of Passengers Gaseous Oxygen System) and having not received AIRBUS modification 53579 in production.

Aircraft delivered after the effective date of this Airworthiness Directive (AD) at original issue are not affected by the requirements of this AD.


Reminder: It is the responsibility of the operator to ensure that any Passengers Gaseous Oxygen container assembly or manifold assembly being replaced on aircraft since new still complies with the requirements of this AD.

Note1: Revision 2 of this Airworthiness Directive (AD) does not require any additional work.

2. REASONS:

Qualification test and subsequent flow test, performed by the oxygen system supplier DRAEGER AEROSPACE, revealed that the oxygen flow of the passengers gaseous oxygen container assemblies may be degraded or blocked by sticking manifold diaphragm when used during a cabin decompression.

During a slow depressurisation (loss of air conditioning packs or loss of the cabin pressure control system) AND if the oxygen masks are triggered between flight level 150 and 250, the oxygen supply pressure will not be sufficient to free the diaphragm and oxygen will not flow to the passenger masks while deployed.

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This AD requires:

- limitation of dispatch conditions by modifying the MMEL in case of one CPC or one Air Conditioning Pack inoperative,
- an oxygen diaphragm replacement on the affected manifold assemblies,
- after replacement of the diaphragm on aircraft, a leak check of the cabin emergency oxygen system.

The aim of this Revision 1 was:

- to precise when the cabin emergency oxygen system leak check is requested after replacement of the diaphragm on aircraft (only if gaseous oxygen containers have been removed from the aircraft, or if connections of any one container to the aircraft have been disconnected).
- to refer to Rev. 2 of DRÄGER AEROSPACE Vendor Service Bulletin (VSB) XXG00-35-004 which clarifies procedures and extends the effectivity to a manifold assembly part number (PN) E69019-SERIES for A340-200/-300 and to two oxygen container PNs for A340-500/-600.

The aim of this Revision 2 is to reduce the effectivity field defined in paragraph 1 with reference to the MOD 53578 or 53579.

3. **MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIMES:**

3.1. **MMEL Impact for A340-200, A340-300, A340-500 and A340-600 aircraft series:**

From the effective date of this AD at original issue and until actions defined in paragraph 3.2 are completed:

When dispatch is made with either one CPC inoperative (MMEL item 21-31-01) or one air conditioning pack inoperative (MMEL 21-52-01), operators **MUST** ensure that from any point of the route, obstacle clearance is ensured to allow a rapid descent to FL 100.

In that respect, following MMEL procedure must be added in the dispatch conditions for one CPC or one air conditioning pack inoperative:


*“ ... provided from any point of the route,
obstacle clearance is ensured to allow
a rapid descent to FL 100.”*

Note 2: The incorporation of the MMEL TR N° 01-21/01Z ISSUE 01 or MMEL TR No 01-21/02Z ISSUE 01 or a copy of this AD in the aircraft operations manual and strict adherence to it by the flight crew allows complying with paragraph 3.1 of this AD.

3.2. **At the latest on October 31, 2004:**

3.2.1. For A340-200 and A340-300 Aircraft series:

- 3.2.1.1. Identify the PNs of the Passengers Gaseous Oxygen Container assemblies installed either on aircraft or held as spares.
- 3.2.1.2. For Container assembly PN(s) not listed in AIRBUS AOT 35A4015 Rev 01, no further action is required by this AD.
- 3.2.1.3. For Container assembly PN(s) listed in AIRBUS AOT 35A4015 Rev 01, identify the Manifold assembly PN and SN in accordance with DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-004 Rev 02.

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3.2.1.4. If both PN and SN of the manifold are listed in DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-004 Rev 02, apply the following corrective actions:

- replace the diaphragm installed in the manifold assembly in accordance with instructions given in DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-004 Rev 02 and
- perform a leak check of the cabin emergency oxygen system in accordance with AMM 35-23-00-790-801 only when gaseous oxygen containers have been removed from the aircraft, or when connections of one container to the aircraft have been disconnected.
- In addition to the in DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-004 Rev 02, perform a system door release test as per AMM 35-23-00-710-805.

3.2.1.5. Identify the PN and SN of spare manifold assemblies in accordance with DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-004 Rev 02. For each spare manifold assembly, if both PN and SN are listed in the VSB, replace the diaphragm installed in the manifold assembly in accordance with the DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-004 Rev 02, before installation on aircraft and in any case not later than October 31, 2004.

3.2.1.6. If either the PN or the SN of the manifold assembly is not listed in the DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-004 Rev 02, no further action is required by this AD.

3.2.2. For A340-500 and A340-600 Aircraft series:

3.2.2.1. Identify the PN(s) of the Passengers Gaseous Oxygen Container assemblies installed either on aircraft or held as spares.

3.2.2.2. For Container assemblies PN not listed in the AIRBUS AOT 35A5002 Rev 01, no further action is required by this AD.

3.2.2.3. For Container assemblies PN listed in the AIRBUS AOT 35A5002 Rev 01, identify the Container assembly SN in accordance with DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-005 Rev 01.


3.2.2.4. For Container assemblies SN not listed in the DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-005 Rev 01, no further action is required by this AD.

3.2.2.5. For Container assemblies SN listed in the DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-005 Rev 01, apply the following corrective actions:

- replace the diaphragm installed in the manifold assembly in accordance with instructions given in DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-005 Rev 01 and
- perform a leak check of the cabin emergency oxygen system in accordance with AMM 35-23-00-790-801.
- In addition to the in DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-005 Rev 01, perform a system door release test as per AMM 35-23-00-710-805.

4. REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:

AIRBUS AOT A340-35A4015 Rev 01 (A340-200/-300) dated August 26, 2004
AIRBUS AOT A340-35A5002 Rev 01 (A340-500/-600) dated August 26, 2004
A340 MMEL TR N° 01-21/01Z ISSUE 01 (A340-200/-300)
A340 MMEL TR N° 01-21/02Z ISSUE 01 (A340-500/-600)
(Any later approved revision of these documents is acceptable)
DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-004 Rev 02 (A340-200/-300)
DRÄGER AEROSPACE VSB XXG00-35-005 Rev 01 (A340-500/-600).

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5. **EFFECTIVE DATES:**

Original issue : September 11, 2004

Revision 1 : September 25, 2004

Revision 2 : December 04, 2004.

6. **REMARK:**

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7. **APPROVAL:**

This AD Revision is approved under EASA reference No 2004-11118 dated November 17, 2004.