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GSAC publication	<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: None		
Person in charge of airworthiness: EUROCOPTER		Type(s): SA 330, AS 332, AS 332 L2, SA 341/342, AS 350, AS 355, SA 360, SA 365 C, AS 365 N, EC 155, SA 316/319 helicopters		
Type certificate(s) No. 56, 66, 84, 168, 80, 86, 14 TCDS No 127, 136, 157, 168, 153, 159, 61				
ATA chapter: 25	Subject: Equipment/Furnishings - Hoist operator's belt snap hook			

1. **EFFECTIVITY:**

EUROCOPTER helicopters:

- SA 330 F, G and J,
- AS 332 C, C1, L, L1 and L2,
- SA 341 G and SA 342 J,
- AS 350 B, BA, BB, B1, B2, B3 and D,
- AS 355 E, F, F1, F2 and N,
- SA 360
- SA 365 C, C1, C2 and C3,
- SA 365 N and N1 and AS 365 N2 and N3,
- EC 155 B and B1,
- SA 316 B and C, SE 3160 and SA 319 B,

equipped with an operator's belt (called "hoist operator's belt") PNs: 330A87-0730-00, 330A87-2371-00, 341A84-1120-00, 350A84-0047-00, 360A84-0040-00, 360A84-0040-01 and 360A84-0040-02, fitted with a snap hook PN GA343-95,


or

equipped with an operator's belt (called "hoist operator's belt") PN 3160S73-08-200-1, fitted with a snap hook PN 4100-80AT28.

Note: This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is intended for maintenance personnel and crews.

2. **REASON:**

This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued further to the discovery of untimely unlocking of the snap hook of the "hoist operator's belt".

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3. MANDATORY ACTION AND COMPLIANCE TIME:

The following measure is rendered mandatory from the effective date of this AD:

At the latest, each time before using the "hoist operator's belt", safety the snap hook locking mechanism in compliance with the instructions specified in § 2.B. of the referenced EUROCOPTER Alert Telexes.

4. REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:

EUROCOPTER Alert Telexes:

- No. 45.14 for SA 330 helicopters,
- No. 25.01.44 for AS 332 helicopters,
- No. 45.06 for SA 341/342 helicopters,
- No. 25.00.89 for AS 350 helicopters,
- No. 25.00.79 for AS 355 helicopters,
- No. 25.23 for SA 360/365 helicopters
- No. 25.00.61 for AS 365 helicopters,
- No. 25A064 for EC 155 helicopters,
- No. 25.66 for ALOUETTE III helicopters.

(Any subsequent approved revision to these Alert Telexes is acceptable).

5. EFFECTIVE DATE:

July 03, 2004.

6. REMARK:

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7. APPROVAL:

This AD is approved under EASA reference No 2004-6380 dated June 15, 2004.