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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: F-2004-079 cancelled by its Revision 1		
Person in charge of airworthiness: AIRBUS SAS		Type(s): A340 aircraft		
Type certificate(s) No. A.015 TCDS No A.015				
ATA chapter: 05	Subject: Life limits/Monitored parts - MPD section 9-1			

1. EFFECTIVITY:

AIRBUS A340 aircraft, all certified models, all serial numbers.

2. REASONS:

The list of life-limited/monitored parts is given in AIRBUS A340 Maintenance Planning Document (MPD) subsection 9-1 (Life Limits/Monitored parts). The MPD subsection 9-1 is approved by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and included in the MPD section 9 (Airworthiness Limitations Section - ALS).


Revision 05 of AIRBUS A340 MPD subsection 9-1 was issued to introduce the A340-312 weight variant 29, to increase life limitation values for A340-500/-600 nose landing gear parts and to introduce new part numbers (PN) for some items already listed. However, the values of some limitations already listed were decreased.

3. MANDATORY ACTIONS AND COMPLIANCE TIMES:

3.1. Except as provided by paragraph 3.3. of this Airworthiness Directive (AD), it is mandatory to strictly adhere to the life values of the parts as defined in the subsections 9-1-2 and 9-1-3 of the A340 MPD section 9-1 Revision 05 from August 07, 2005.

3.2. From the effective date of this AD to August 06, 2005, it is mandatory to strictly adhere to the life values of the parts as defined in the subsections 9-1-2 and 9-1-3 of the A340 MPD section 9-1, either:

- at Revision 04, except as provided by paragraph 3.3. of this AD,
- or,
- at Revision 05.

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3.3. From the effective date of this AD, it is mandatory to strictly adhere to the life values defined in the subsection 9-1-2 of the A340 MPD section 9-1 revision 05 for:

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- the main landing gear retraction brackets PN 201428331 and PN 201428332,
- the main landing gear sliding pistons PN 201270304, PN 201270305, PN 201270313, PN 201270315, PN 201270316 and PN 201270323.

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- the centre landing gear retraction actuator piston rod PN 55-1104003-00,
- the nose landing gear retraction actuator piston rod PN 55-1026003-00.

Note 1: The A340 MPD section 9 is the repository for the ALS required by JAR 25.1529, appendix H paragraph 25.4.

Note 2: It is reminded that for the items listed in the MPD section 9-1, it is necessary to maintain the traceability, since the origin, of:

- the time accumulation (LDG, FH, etc.) and,
- the application details (aircraft type, model, weight variant, etc.).

4. REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS:

A340 MPD section 9-1, Revision 04 approved on May 14, 2004
A340 MPD section 9-1, Revision 05 approved on April 07, 2005
(Any later revision of the MPD section 9-1 is acceptable).

5. EFFECTIVE DATE:

May 07, 2005.

6. REMARK:

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7. APPROVAL:

This AD is approved under reference EASA No 2005-3632 dated April 20, 2005.

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