


EASA	AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE	
	<p>AD No.: 2007 - 0043</p> <p>Date: 21 February 2007</p>	
<p>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>		
<p>Type Approval Holder's Name:</p> <p>Agusta S.p.a.</p>	<p>Type/Model designation(s):</p> <p>AB206A and AB206B</p>	
<p>TCDS Number : ENAC Italy SO/A 140</p>		
<p>Foreign AD : Not applicable</p>		
<p>Supersedure : Not applicable</p>		
<p>ATA 78</p>	<p>Exhaust – Exhaust Duct Grooved Clamps – Inspection/Replacement</p>	
<p>Manufacturer(s):</p>	<p>Agusta S.p.a.</p>	
<p>Applicability:</p>	<p>Agusta helicopters AB206A and AB206B series, all models</p>	
<p>Reason:</p>	<p>It has been reported, on an A109A helicopter, a case of failure of the grooved clamp fixing the engine exhaust duct, with the consequent loss of the duct.</p> <p>The duct has hit the main and tail rotor producing the loss of the tail rotor and the emergency landing of the helicopter.</p> <p>Taking into account the occurrence reported above as well as the commonality between the exhaust duct installations for A109 and AB206 helicopters, Agusta issued the "Bollettino Tecnico" 206-242 to require a visual inspection of the grooved clamps for cracks and/or for corrosion, in order to ensure the continued airworthiness of the helicopters.</p>	
<p>Effective Date:</p>	<p>07 March 2007</p>	

Compliance:	<p>The following measures are rendered mandatory, unless already accomplished, as from the effective date of this AD:</p> <p>Within the next 50 hours time in service (TIS) and however within and not later than April 30, 2007 inspect the grooved clamps P/N 4656AA or P/N 4606AC fixing the engine exhaust duct.</p> <p>The inspection must be repeated every 100 flight hours or yearly, whichever occurs first.</p> <p>In case cracks and/or corrosion are found, discard and replace the affected grooved clamp.</p>
Ref. Publications:	<p>Agusta "Bollettino Tecnico" 206-242 dated 18 December 2006 or later approved revisions.</p>
Remarks :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If requested and appropriately substantiated the responsible EASA manager for the related product has the authority to accept Alternative Method of Compliance (AMOCs) for this AD. 2. The required actions and the risk allowance have granted publication and notification of an immediate AD, ruling out the public consultation process. 3. Enquiries regarding this Airworthiness Directive should be referred to the Airworthiness Directive Focal Point – Certification Directorate, EASA. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu 4. For any questions concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact: Agusta S.p.a. Customer Support – Via per Tornavento, 15 21019 Somma Lombardo (VA) – Italy ; Phone + 39 0331 711296; Fax : +39 0331 711180 ; E-mail: custserv@it.agusta.com.