


<b>EASA</b>	<b>AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE</b>	
	<p><b>AD No.: 2008-0153</b></p> <p><b>Date: 08 August 2008</b></p> <p>Note: This Airworthiness Directive (AD) is issued by EASA, acting in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 on behalf of the European Community, its Member States and of the European third countries that participate in the activities of EASA under Article 66 of that Regulation.</p>	
<p>This AD is issued in accordance with EC 1702/2003, Part 21A.3B. In accordance with EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.A.301, the continuing airworthiness of an aircraft shall be ensured by accomplishing any applicable ADs. Consequently, no person may operate an aircraft to which an AD applies, except in accordance with the requirements of that AD unless otherwise specified by the Agency [EC 2042/2003 Annex I, Part M.A.303] or agreed with the Authority of the State of Registry [EC 216/2008, Article 14(4) exemption].</p>		
<p><b>Type Approval Holder's Name :</b></p> <p>AIRBUS</p>		<p><b>Type/Model designation(s) :</b></p> <p>A330 and A340-200/-300 aircraft</p>
<p>TCDS Number : EASA.A.004, EASA.A.015</p>		
<p>Foreign AD : Not applicable</p>		
<p>Supersedure : None</p>		
<b>ATA 57</b>		<b>Wings – Movable Flap Track Fairing No. 3 – Modification / Replacement</b>
<p>Manufacturer(s): AIRBUS (formerly AIRBUS INDUSTRIE)</p>		
<p>Applicability:</p>		<p>AIRBUS A330-201, A330-202, A330-203, A330-223, A330-243, A330-301, A330-302, A330-303, A330-321, A330-322, A330-323, A330-341, A330-342 and A330-343 aircraft, all manufacturer serial numbers (MSN), except those on which AIRBUS modification 55674 has been embodied in production.</p> <p>AIRBUS A340-211, A340-212, A340-213, A340-311, A340-312 and A340-313 aircraft, all MSN, except those on which AIRBUS modification 55674 has been embodied in production.</p>
<p>Reason:</p>		<p>Several cases have been reported of in-flight loss of the drive strut fitting from the movable fairing of flap track No.3. Consequently, the flap track No. 3 fairing was detached from its aft end, and found hanging. Investigations have shown that the detachment of the aft lower drive strut fitting from the fairing occurred due to the four bonded inserts being pulled out.</p> <p>This condition, if not corrected, could lead to in-flight loss of the affected aircraft parts, potentially resulting in injuries to persons on the ground.</p> <p>For the reason described above, this AD requires the modification of the movable flap track fairing No. 3, both Left Hand (LH) and Right Hand (RH) side, and prohibits re-installation of unmodified units.</p>
<p>Effective Date:</p>		<p>22 August 2008</p>

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):	<p>Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Within 5 years after the effective date of this AD, modify the movable flap track fairing No. 3, LH and RH, in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS Service Bulletin (SB) A330-57-3095 Revision 02 or SB A340-57-4103 Revision 01, as applicable to aircraft model.</li> <li>(2) Modification of an aircraft, prior to the effective date of this AD, in accordance with the instructions of AIRBUS SB A330-57-3095 Revision 01 or SB A340-57-4103 original issue, as applicable to aircraft model, is acceptable to comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) of this AD.</li> <li>(3) Installation on an aircraft of a movable flap track fairing No. 3 that has been repaired, using replacement of damaged insert by through-bolts at drive strut attachment fitting, in accordance with repair instructions defined in the applicable Airbus Structural Repair Manual, Chapter 57-56-11, Page Block 201, is acceptable to comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of this AD, as applicable.</li> <li>(4) After modification of an aircraft as required by paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) or paragraph (3) of this AD, as applicable, no person shall install a movable flap track fairing No. 3 on that aircraft, unless it has been modified or repaired in accordance with the requirements of this AD.</li> </ol>
Ref. Publications:	<p>AIRBUS Service Bulletin A330-57-3095 Revision 01 dated 28 August 2007 or Revision 02 dated 03 April 2008.</p> <p>AIRBUS Service Bulletin A340-57-4103 original issue dated 28 August 2007 or Revision 01 dated 03 April 2008.</p> <p>The use of later approved revisions of these documents is acceptable for compliance with the requirements of this AD.</p>
Remarks :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD.</li> <li>2. This AD was posted on 17 July 2008 as PAD 08-083 for consultation until 31 July 2008. The Comment Response Document can be found at <a href="http://ad.easa.europa.eu">http://ad.easa.europa.eu</a>.</li> <li>3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the Airworthiness Directives, Safety Management &amp; Research Section, Certification Directorate, EASA; E-mail <a href="mailto:ADs@easa.europa.eu">ADs@easa.europa.eu</a>.</li> <li>4. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact: AIRBUS SAS – Airworthiness Office – EAL, Fax: + 33 5 61 93 45 80 or + 33 5 61 93 44 51, E-mail: <a href="mailto:airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com">airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com</a> .</li> </ol>