


EASA	NOTIFICATION OF A PROPOSAL TO ISSUE AN AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE
	<p>PAD No.: 11-087</p> <p>Date: 26 October 2011</p> <p>Note: This Proposed Airworthiness Directive (PAD) 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>In accordance with the EASA Continuing Airworthiness Procedures, the Executive Director is proposing the issuance/cancellation of an EASA Airworthiness Directive (AD), applicable to the aeronautical product(s) identified below. All interested persons may send their comments, referencing the PAD Number above, to the e-mail address specified in the 'Remarks' section, prior to the consultation closing date indicated.</p>	
Type Approval Holder's Name :	Type/Model designation(s) :
AIRBUS	A310 aeroplanes
TCDS Number :	France N° 145
Foreign AD :	Not applicable
Supersedure :	None
ATA 57	Wings – Fuel Access Panels – Replacement / Modification
Manufacturer(s):	Airbus (formerly Airbus Industrie)
Applicability:	Airbus model A310-304, A310-322, A310-324, A310-203, A310-204 and A310-222 aeroplanes, manufacturer serial numbers (MSN) 0378, 0392, 0399, 0404, 0406, 0407, 0409, 0410, 0412, 0413, 0416, 0418, 0419, 0421, 0422, 0424, 0425, 0427, 0428, 0429, 0431, 0432, 0434, 0435, 0436, 0437, 0439, 0440, 0441, 0443 to 0449 inclusive, 0451, 0452, 0453, 0454, 0456, 0457, 0458, 0467, 0472, 0473, 0475, 0476, 0478, 0480 to 0485 inclusive, 0487 to 0499 inclusive.
Reason:	<p>Following a design review of the fuel tank access covers and further analyses aiming at comparing compliance of the access covers to different tyre burst models, panels 'Type 21' revealed to be a matter of concern when located within the tyre debris zone. It has been demonstrated that 'Type 21' Super Plastic Formed (SPF) panels for fuel access, installed on left hand (LH) and right hand (RH) wings at manhole positions No. 1 and No. 2 of A310 aeroplanes pre-MSN500 could not sustain in an acceptable manner the impact of a tyre debris.</p> <p>This condition, if not corrected, could result, following tyre debris impact, in fuel leaking and consequently fire on that area of the aeroplane.</p> <p>For the reasons described above, this AD requires the replacement of SPF 'Type 21' access panels with 'Type 11A' machined access panels.</p>
Effective Date:	[TBD: 14 days after final AD issue date]

Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):	<p>Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:</p> <p>(1) Within 60 months after the effective date of this AD, replace the SPF 'Type 21' fuel access panels at positions 1 and 2 on LH and RH wings with machined 'Type 11A' fuel access panels, in accordance with the Accomplishment Instructions of Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A310-57-2097 Revision 01.</p> <p>(2) After modification of an aeroplane as required by paragraph (1) of this AD, do not install SPF 'Type 21' fuel access panels on LH or RH wings at positions 1 or 2 on that aeroplane.</p>
Ref. Publications:	<p>Airbus Service Bulletins A310-57-2097 Revision 01.</p> <p>The use of later approved revisions of these documents is acceptable for compliance with requirements of this AD.</p>
Remarks :	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This Proposed AD will be closed for consultation on 23 November 2011. 2. Enquiries regarding this PAD should be referred to the Safety Information Section, Executive Directorate, EASA. E-mail ADs@easa.europa.eu. 3. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this PAD, please contact: AIRBUS SAS – EAW (Airworthiness Office, Telephone: + 33 5 61 18 41 39, Fax: + 33 5 61 93 44 51).