


EASA	AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE
	<p>AD No.: 2012-0244</p> <p>Date: 15 November 2012</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 EU 748/2012, Part 21.A.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>Design Approval Holder's Name:</p> <p>AIRBUS</p>	<p>Type/Model designation(s):</p> <p>A330 and A340-200/-300 aeroplanes</p>
TCDS Number:	EASA.A.004, EASA.A.015
Foreign AD:	Not applicable
Supersedure:	This AD supersedes EASA AD 2012-0070 dated 25 April 2012, including the Correction dated 26 April 2012.
ATA 29	Hydraulic Power – High Pressure Manifold Check Valves – Inspection
Manufacturer(s):	Airbus (formerly Airbus Industrie)
Applicability:	<p>Airbus A330-201, A330-202, A330-203, A330-223, A330-223F, A330-243, A330-243F, A330-301, A330-302, A330-303, A330-321, A330-322, A330-323, A330-341, A330-342 and A330-343 aeroplanes, all manufacturer serial numbers (MSN), and</p> <p>Airbus A340-211, A340-212, A340-213, A340-311, A340-312 and A340-313 aeroplanes, all MSN.</p>
Reason:	<p>An A330 operator experienced a yellow hydraulic circuit low level due to a loose check valve, Part Number (P/N) CAR401. During the inspection on the other two hydraulic systems, the other three check valves P/N CAR401 were also found to be loose with their lock wire broken in two instances. Airbus A340 aeroplanes are also equipped with P/N CAR401 high pressure manifold check valves.</p> <p>Additional cases of P/N CAR401 check valve loosening have been reported on aeroplanes having accumulated more than 1 000 flight cycles (FC). The check valve fitted on the Yellow hydraulic system is more affected, due to additional system cycles induced by cargo door operation.</p> <p>This condition, if not detected and corrected, could result in hydraulic leaks, possibly leading to the loss of all three hydraulic systems and consequent loss of control of the aeroplane.</p> <p>To address this unsafe condition, EASA issued Emergency AD 2009-0223-E to require an inspection programme to detect any check valve loosening and if</p>

	<p>necessary, to apply the applicable corrective actions.</p> <p>EASA AD 2010-0145, which superseded EASA EAD 2009-0223-E retaining its requirements, was issued to expand the applicability to the newly certified models A330-223F and A330-243F.</p> <p>Prompted by further reported in-service events of check valve P/N CAR401 loosening before reaching the threshold of 700 FC, EASA AD 2011-0139, which superseded EASA AD 2010-0145, retaining its requirements, was issued to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - extend the requirement to identify the P/N CAR401 check valves to all aeroplanes, and to - reduce the inspection threshold for aeroplanes fitted with check valve P/N CAR401, either installed in production through Airbus modification 54491, or installed in service through Airbus Service Bulletin (SB) A330-29-3101 or Airbus SB A340-29-4078. <p>EASA AD 2012-0070, which superseded EASA AD 2011-0139, retaining its requirements, was issued to require an increased torque value of the check valve tightening and High Pressure (HP) manifold re-identification.</p> <p>Since EASA AD 2012-0070 was issued, additional in-service events have been reported on aeroplanes fitted with check valves on which the increased torque value had been applied. Based on those events, it has been concluded that the action to re-torque the check valves with an increased value is not a satisfactory terminating action for addressing the issue of those check valves.</p> <p>For the reasons described above, this new AD partially retains the requirements of EASA AD 2012-0070, which is superseded. Additionally, for aeroplanes equipped with P/N CAR401 on which the increased torque value has been applied, this new AD requires repetitive inspections of the check valves and HP manifolds. Finally, this AD also requires application of a lower torque value when a check valve P/N CAR401 is installed on an aeroplane.</p> <p>This AD is considered to be an interim action and further AD action may follow.</p> <p>Note: the reporting and the torque value increase requirements for check valves P/N CAR401 of EASA AD 2012-0070 are no longer part of this new AD.</p>
Effective Date:	29 November 2012
Required Action(s) and Compliance Time(s):	<p>Required as indicated, unless accomplished previously:</p> <p>Re-statement of the requirements of EASA AD 2012-0070:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Within 900 Flight Hours (FH) after 08 August 2011 [the effective date of EASA AD 2011-0139], accomplish a visual inspection of the check valves on Blue, Green and Yellow hydraulic systems to identify their P/N in accordance with the instructions of Airbus SB A330-29-3111 Revision 02, or Airbus SB A340-29-4086 Revision 02, as applicable to aeroplane type. (2) If during the inspection as required by paragraph (1) of the AD, it is identified that check valves P/N CAR401 are installed on all three hydraulic systems, before next flight, inspect the yellow and blue system check valves and, depending on findings, apply the applicable corrective actions, before next flight, in accordance with the instructions of Airbus SB A330-29-3111 Revision 02, or Airbus SB A340-29-4086 Revision 02, as applicable to aeroplane type. (3) Within 900 FH after accomplishment of the actions as required by paragraph (2) of this AD, and, thereafter, at intervals not to exceed 900 FH, perform the inspection programme on green, yellow and blue system check valves and, depending on findings, apply the applicable corrective actions, before next flight, in accordance with the instructions of SB A330-29-3111 Revision 02, or SB A340-29-4086 Revision 02, as applicable to

	<p>aeroplane type.</p> <p>(4) If during the inspection as required by paragraph (1) of the AD, it is identified that check valves P/N CAR401 are not installed on all three hydraulic systems, no immediate further action is required, except if a check valve P/N CAR400 is replaced with a check valve P/N CAR401; before next flight after that replacement, the aeroplane configuration must be inspected to determine if all three hydraulic systems are equipped with check valves P/N CAR401, in which case the requirements of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this AD must be accomplished.</p> <p>(5) Inspections and corrective actions accomplished before 08 August 2011 [the effective date of EASA AD 2011-0139], in accordance with the instructions of Airbus All Operators Telex A330-29A3111 at Original issue or Revision 01, or AOT A340-29A4086 at Original issue or Revision 01, as applicable to aeroplane type, are acceptable to comply with the initial inspection programme as required by paragraph (2) of this AD. After 08 August 2011 [the effective date of EASA AD 2011-0139], all inspections and corrective actions, as required by paragraph (3) of this AD, must be accomplished in accordance with the instructions of Airbus SB A330-29-3111 Revision 02, or Airbus SB A340-29-4086 Revision 02, as applicable to aeroplane type.</p> <p>New requirements of this AD:</p> <p>(6) For aeroplanes on which Airbus modification 201384 has been embodied in production or Airbus SB A330-29-3119 or Airbus SB A340-29-4091, as applicable to aeroplane type, has been embodied in service:</p> <p>(6.1) Within 1 000 FH after the effective date of this AD, and, thereafter, at intervals not to exceed 900 FH, visually inspect the Green, Blue and Yellow High Pressure manifolds and check valves P/N CAR401 in accordance with the instructions of Airbus Alert Operators Transmission (AOT) A29L001-12.</p> <p>(6.2) If, during any inspection as required by paragraph (6.1) of this AD, a discrepancy is found, before next flight, accomplish the applicable corrective actions in accordance with the instructions of Airbus AOT A29L001-12.</p> <p>(7) Accomplishment of corrective actions as required by this AD does not constitute terminating action for the repetitive inspections required by this AD.</p> <p>(8) From the effective date of this AD, at each replacement of a check valve with a check valve P/N CAR401, apply a torque of 141 to 143 N.m (103.98 to 105.45 lbf.ft) during installation on an aeroplane.</p>
Ref. Publications:	<p>Airbus AOT A330-29A3111 original issue dated 02 September 2009, or Revision 01 dated 08 October 2009.</p> <p>Airbus SB A330-29-3111 Revision 02 dated 23 June 2011.</p> <p>Airbus SB A330-29-3119 original issue dated 19 April 2011 or Revision 01 dated 09 December 2011 or Revision 02 dated 09 March 2012.</p> <p>Airbus AOT A340-29A4086 original issue dated 02 September 2009, or Revision 01 dated 08 October 2009.</p> <p>Airbus SB A340-29-4086 Revision 02 dated 23 June 2011.</p> <p>Airbus SB A340-29-4091 original issue dated 19 April 2011 or Revision 01 dated 09 December 2011.</p> <p>Airbus AOT A29L001-12 dated 11 October 2012.</p> <p>The use of later approved revisions of these documents is acceptable for</p>

	compliance with the requirements of this AD.
Remarks:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can approve Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD.2. Based on the required actions and the compliance time, EASA have decided to issue a Final AD with Request for Comments, postponing the public consultation process until after publication.3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be referred to the Safety Information Section, Executive Directorate, EASA. E-mail: ADs@easa.europa.eu.4. For any question concerning the technical content of the requirements in this AD, please contact: AIRBUS – Airworthiness Office – EIAL; E-mail: airworthiness.A330-A340@airbus.com.

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