

<b>EASA</b>	<b>PROPOSED AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE</b>
	<p><b>PAD No.: 07-188</b></p> <p><b>Date: 24 October 2007</b></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.	
<b>Type Approval Holder's Name:</b>  SICMA AERO SEAT	<b>Type/Model designations:</b>  Passenger Seats 940( )
ETSO Approval: F.O.136, EASA.21O.094	
Foreign AD: None	
Supersedure: None.	
<b>ATA 25</b>	<b>Passenger Seats – Lateral and central spreaders – Inspection / Replacement</b>
Manufacturer:	Sicma Aero Seat.
Applicability:	<p>Passenger Seats models 9401, 9402, 9404, 9405, 9406, 9407 &amp; 9408, all Part Numbers (P/N) except seats that have been modified by Sicma Aero Seat Service Bulletin No.94-25-012.</p> <p>The affected seats are known to be installed on, but not limited to, the following aircraft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ATR 42 series;</li> <li>- ATR 72 series.</li> </ul>
Reason:	<p>Several occurrences of cracked central and lateral spreaders on passenger seats models 9401 and 9402 have been reported to Sicma Aero Seat.</p> <p>The actions specified by this Airworthiness Directive (AD) are intended to prevent any further cracking of the seat spreaders, which can cause injury to passengers or crew members during heavy turbulence in flight or in the event of an emergency landing.</p> <p>For the reasons stated above, this AD requires repetitive inspections of the spreaders and their replacement by new spreaders of an improved design.</p>
Effective Date:	14 days after final AD issue date
Compliance:	1. Within the next 2 months after the effective date of this AD, Perform a detailed visual inspection of the seat lateral and central spreaders as instructed in paragraph (§) A.1.of Sicma Aero Seat Service Bulletin (SB) No.94-25-013.

	<p><u>1.1. If ANY spreader of the two-place seat, is found cracked,</u></p> <p>1.1.1 before next flight replace both the central and the two lateral spreaders of the seat with improved-design spreaders and re-identify the seat, as instructed in the accomplishment instructions of Sicma Aero Seat SB No.94-25-012.</p> <p>or</p> <p>1.1.2 when there is no possibility to replace the seat spreaders before next flight, the aircraft may still be dispatched for no more than ten calendar days with the affected two place-seat installed provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Placards [DO NOT OCCUPY] are installed on the two-place seat and means are taken to be sure that affected seat remains unoccupied during the all flight duration; and</li> <li>- Affected seat does not block any emergency exit; and</li> <li>- Seat spreaders are replaced before the end of such ten days period in accordance with the provisions of this AD;</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Report any findings discovered during inspections required by this AD, in order to fulfill your obligations relating to the occurrence reporting as stipulated in REGULATION (EC) No 2042/2003.</p> <p>1.2 <u>If NO spreader of the two-place seat, is found cracked,</u> repeat thereafter, at intervals not to exceed 3 months or 750 Flight Hours, whichever occurs first and until accomplishment of Sicma Aero Seat SB No.94-25-012, the detailed visual inspection of the seat lateral and central spreaders required in paragraph 1.of this AD.</p> <p><u>2. From the effective date of this AD, no person shall install</u> Sicma Aero Seats models 9401, 9402, 9404, 9405, 9406, 9407 &amp; 9408 on any airplane, unless they have previously been modified in accordance with Sicma Aero Seat SB No.94-25-012.</p>
Ref. Publications:	<p>Sicma Aero Seat Service Bulletin No.94-25-012 original issue</p> <p>Sicma Aero Seat Service Bulletin No.94-25-013 original issue</p> <p>(any later approved revision of these documents is acceptable to comply with the requirements of this AD)</p>
Remarks:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If requested and appropriately substantiated, EASA can accept Alternative Methods of Compliance for this AD.</li> <li>2. The closing date for comment is 14 November 2007.</li> <li>3. Enquiries regarding this AD should be addressed to the AD Focal Point, 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: <u>Sicma Aero Seat</u> Rue Robert Marechal Sénior, Z.I. La limoise 36100 ISSOUDUN, FRANCE PHONE: +33 (0) 2 54 03 39 39 FAX: +33 (0) 2 54 03 39 00 e-mail : <a href="mailto:mcoureau@sicma.zodiac.com">mcoureau@sicma.zodiac.com</a></li> </ol>